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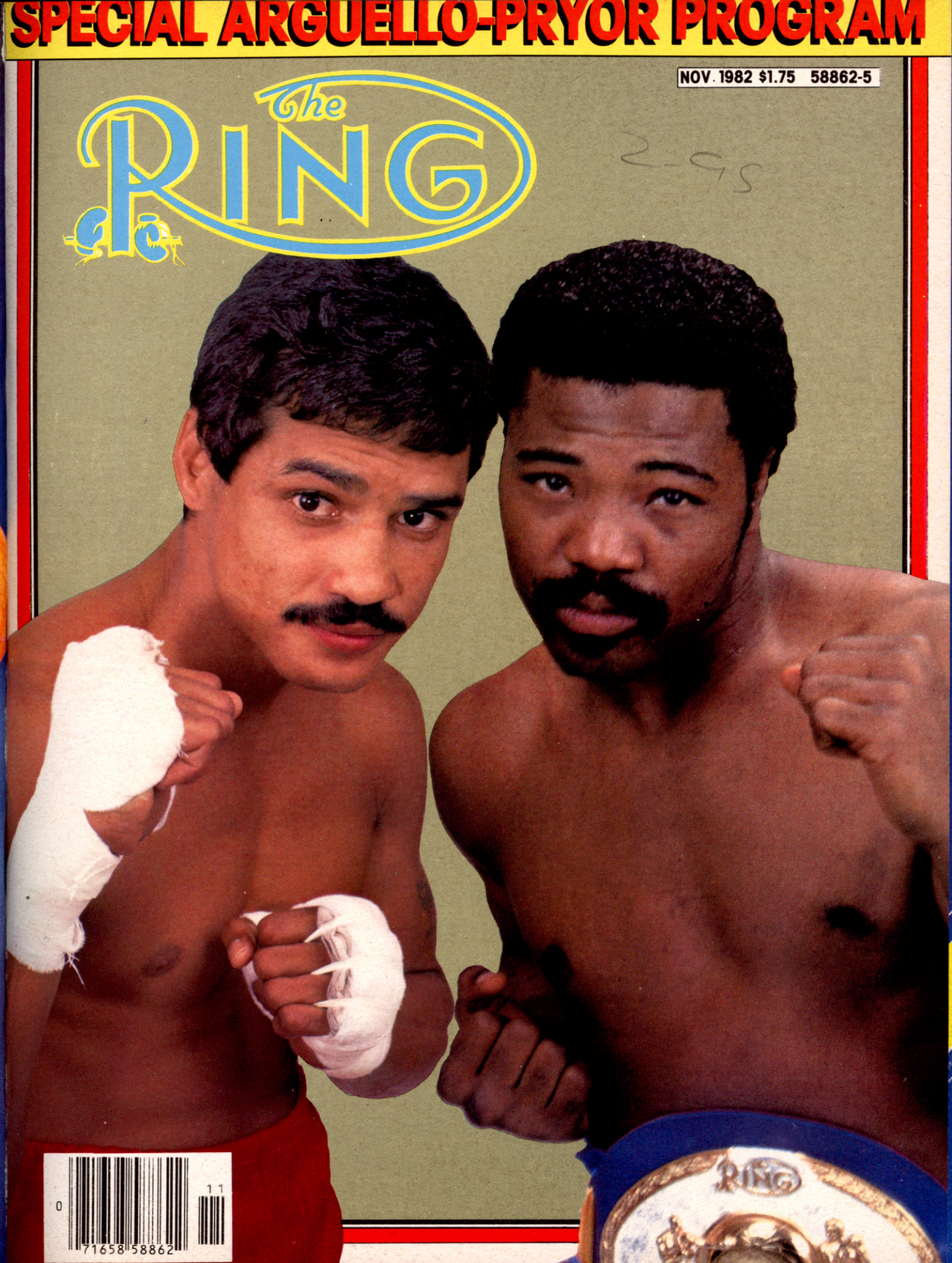

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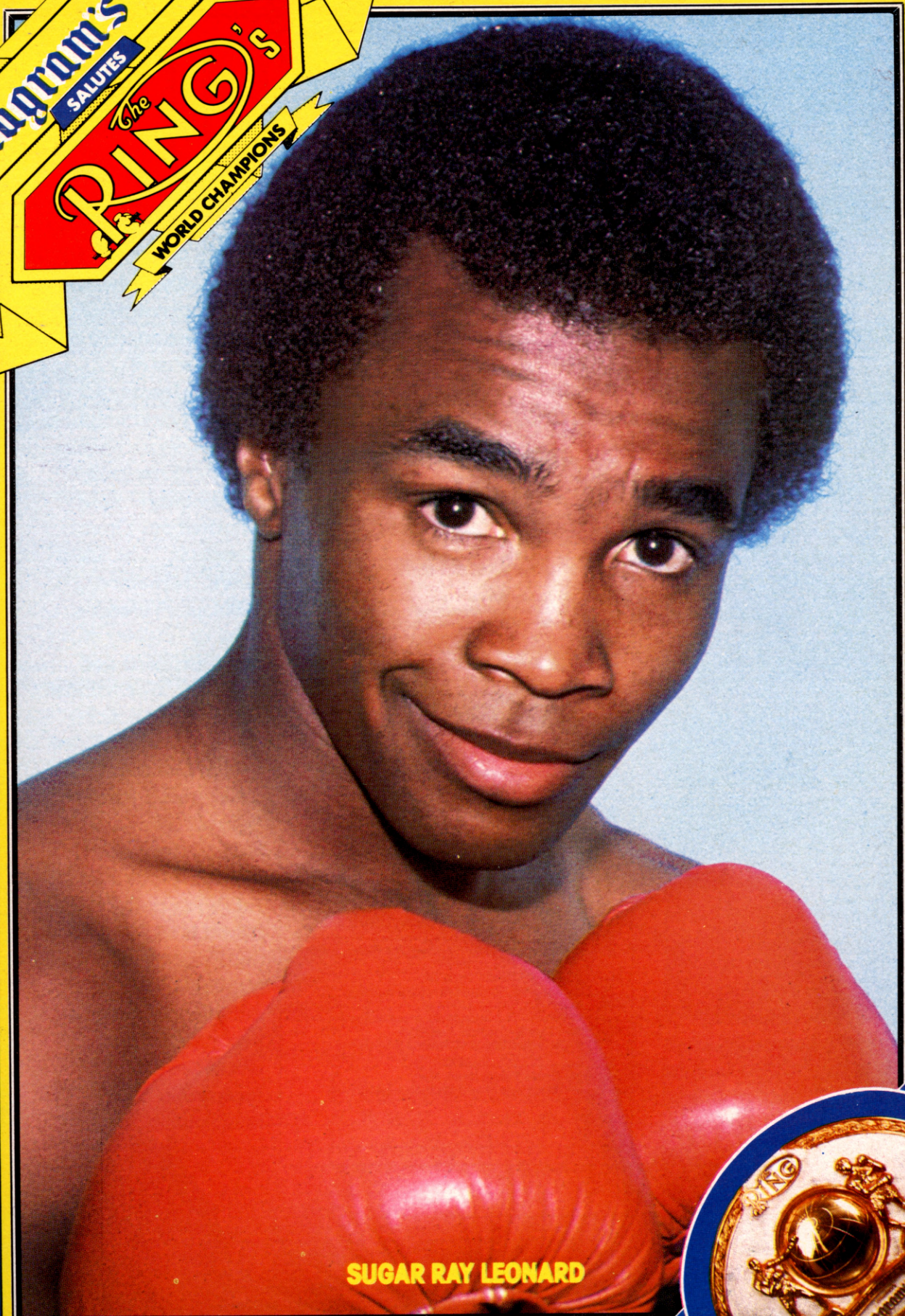

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1976 Olympic Light Welterweight Gold Medalist
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	1977		
Feb.	5—Luis Vega, Baltimore	W	6
May	14—Willie Rodriguez, Baltimore	W	6
June	10—Vinnie DeBarros, Hartford	KO	3
Sept.	24—Frank Santore, Baltimore	KO	5
Nov.	5—Augustin Estrada, Las Vegas	KO	5
Dec.	17—Hector Diaz, Washington D.C.	KO	2
	1978		
Feb.	4—Rocky Ramon, Baltimore	W	8
Mar.	1—Art McKnight, Dayton	KO	7
Mar.	19—Javier Muniz, New Haven	KO	1
Apr.	13—Bobby Haymon, Landover	KO	3
May	13—Randy Milton, Utica	KO	8
June	3—Rafael Rodriguez, Baltimore	W	10
July	18—Dick Eckland, Boston	W	10
Sept.	9—Floyd Mayweather, Providence	KO	9
Oct.	6—Randy Shields, Baltimore	W	10
Nov.	3—Bernardo Prada, Portland, Me.	W	10
Dec.	9—Armando Muniz, Springfield	KO	6
	1979		
Jan.	11—Johnny Gant, Landover	KO	8
Feb.	11—Fernand Marcotte, Miami Beach	KO	8
Mar.	24—Daniel Gonzales, Tucson	KO	1
Apr.	21—Adolfo Viruet, Las Vegas	W	10
May	20—Marcos Geraldo, New Orleans	W	10
June	24—Tony Chiaverini, Las Vegas	KO	4
Aug.	12—Pete Ranzany, Las Vegas (Won NABF Welterweight Title)	KO	4
Sept.	28—Andy Price, Las Vegas (Retained NABF Welterweight Title)	KO	1
Nov.	30—Wilfred Benitez, Las Vegas (Won World Welterweight Title)	KO	15
	1980		
Mar.	31—Dave (Boy) Green, Landover (Retained World Welterweight Title)	KO	4
June	20—Roberto Duran, Montreal (Lost World Welterweight Title)	L	15
Nov.	25—Roberto Duran, New Orleans (Regained World Welterweight Title)	KO	8
	1981		
Mar.	28—Larry Bonds, Syracuse (Retained World Welterweight Title)	KO	10
June	25—Ayub Kalule, Houston (Won World Junior Middleweight Title)	KO	9
Sept.	16—Thomas Hearns, Las Vegas (Retained World Welterweight Title)	KO	14
	1982		
Feb.	15—Bruce Finch, Reno, Nev. (Retained World Welterweight Title)	KO	3

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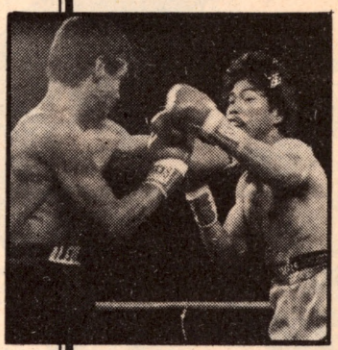

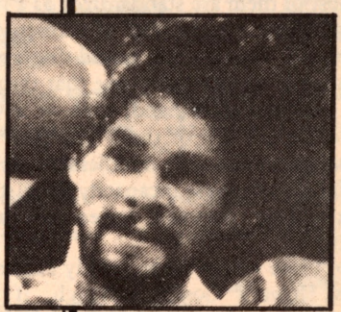

RINGSIDE

IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF THE PRINcipia worthy of this corner to bring comfort to boxing's afflicted and afflict boxing's comfortable. At one and the same time, if that were possible. And, this month, instead of selecting one subject and devoting our entire harrangue on something-or-other, we have decided to select two subjects and give them one more embalming, hoping that there might be something here which catches the eye. And the conscience.

Our first subject is television announcers, those electronic know nothings behind the mikes who adopt sonorous platitudes recently borrowed from Hallmark cards to describe a fight. Most of them are standardized as a row of filling-station pumps, full of transparent absurditites in English that would disgrace a fight manager. But for every one that throws light on the matter at hand, such as a Gil Clancy, there are two or three who give off verbal slights-of-hand, mindless palaver which show a relentless incapacity for distinguishing clearly between appearance and substance.

One of those whose name readily comes to mind is Howard Cosell—although, if the truth be known, the sound of Chris Schenkel's voice is enough to launch a "Bring Back Howard" campaign. Cosell, who once said, "I MADE Muhammad Ali," and meant it, applied the same garnishment of humility to his place in sports history as he had his place in "making" Ali: "I didn't ask to be a sports journalist, that was just fate. I never planned to be a superstar. I'd rather be a private person. People are always after me because I tell the truth." Humble Howard then went on to underscore his truthfulness by adding, "Nobody cares about sportswriters. Who are they? They aren't important. Papers are dying all over the country!"

Howard, who belongs to that long line of sportscasters who have tried to write—and who, according to his editor, the late Ed Kuhn, had difficulty putting two words together—should remember what his function in his life has been: A purveyor of amusement for people who do not have sufficient wit to amuse themselves. To call himself a "Journalist," or anything else for that matteer is intellectually dishonest. But what else can you expect from a man who continues to say he "Tells it LIKE it is," when good English and William Shakespeare would suggest that the line should be "Tells it AS it is."

Perhaps now we understand why former New York Jets coach Weeb Ewbank used to refer to Cosell as "Our father who art in Heaven, HOWARD be thy name . . ." How else can you describe this man with delusions of grandeur as wide as the Grand Canyon?

Next we have another so-called journalist of the airwaves, Barry Farber, who wallows in trivialities and manhandles important events. Farber is a New York talk show host who just went national recently with his pilot show devoted to the question, "Should We Abolish Boxing?" And guess who the protagonist for the above mentioned question-subject was? If you said "Barry Farber" hold up your hand. But this man for all reasons knew nothing about either the sport or the argument he put forward, citing wrong facts and even admitting, as Big Daddy cited it in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," to smelling of "mendacity" and hyprocrisy, admitting he went to fights. Here, however, the glib-tongued Mr. Farber said, "It is for the spectacle, not the sport of it." Now that's a difference without a distinction. Add him to your list of montebanks garbed in grotesque blathering for the purpose of making themselves seen, and obscene as well.

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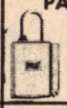

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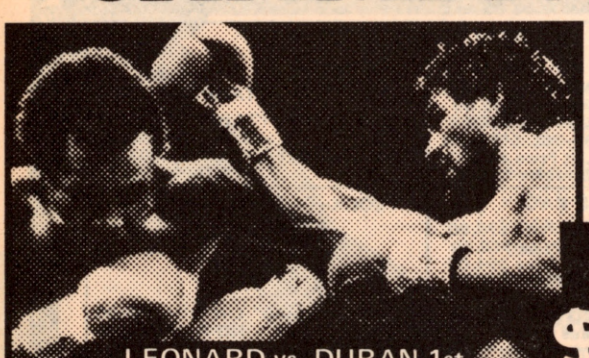

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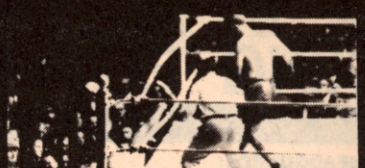

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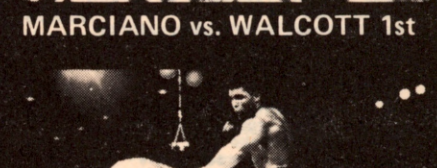

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ROUND ONE

IN THIS CORNER WEIGHING 130 STRIPPED FOR GYM, WHOEVER HE IS . . .

THE METHODS OF TRAINING FOR boxing are essentially the same now as they were ninety years ago when James J. Corbett took the Heavyweight Championship from John L. Sullivan in the first title bout fought with gloves. Partly because the old methods have been tried-and-tested ("If it ain't broke—don't fix it") and partly because of a fear of the unknown, boxing people had traditionally viewed new approaches with something between skepticism and hostility. Just stick to running, jumping rope, sit-ups, shadow boxing, hitting the bags and plenty of sparring. If you want a diversion, go chop wood. Weightlifting? Definitely not. "Worst thing in the world for a fighter," exclaimed Muhammed Ali when he saw Sylvester Stallone pumping iron in *Rocky*.

Sure, there have been some non-traditionalists. Who can forget Dave Wolf telling ABC announcer Chris Schenkel what Nautilus training was doing for his fighter Duane Bobick minutes before John Tate did in Bobick in the first round?

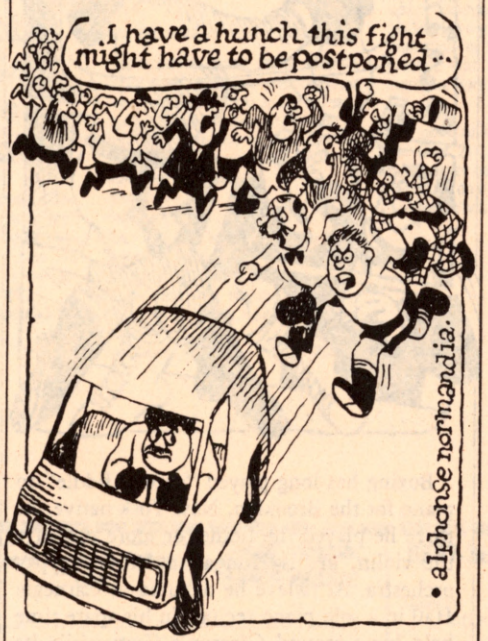
But if the less-than impressive results obtained by the big-muscled lifters have not been of the sort that inspire imitation, an entirely different, though perhaps flakier approach promoting speed and flexibility may just be the one that does. Dennis Curz, a Bronx, New York junior lightweight has been augmenting his workouts at the Jerome Boxing Club by walking on his hands and doing flips through the air. As the other fighters and his manager, Adonis Torres, look on nervously, Cruz goes through the routines he perfected when he was a leading member of the DeWitt Clinton High School gymnastics team back in 1978.

To the skeptics who don't think a fighter should be doing somersaults, Cruz tells of the flexibility and power that he has developed as a result. "The walking on my hands has really improved my punching power," boasts Cruz.

Not disagreeing are the ten men whom the 21-year-old fighter has knocked out or the one whom he beat on points in his eleven pro fights so far. Cruz is now booked for several Atlantic City appearances and White Plains main events. If he does go on to win some title, probably as a lightweight, his fans would love to see what kind of a celebration he'll make in the ring.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

THE BEST EXCUSE FOR PULLING out of a fight since Rocky Graziano offered up X-rays of his broken rib—neglecting only to mention that the X-rays were three years old—to call off a bout with



Jake LaMotta is the one advanced by lightweight Waleed Rahman for ducking out of a main event date with Bubba Busceme on a recent summer night in Beaumont, Texas.

Twenty-four hours before fight-time, a frantic Rahman called promoter Lester Beford, needing to borrow the promoter's rented van so that he could move his belongings to the local Muslim mission because, as he claimed, "the staff here at the Sheraton Spindletop Hotel is trying to poison my water." Bedford turned over the keys to his van and Rahman, aka Warren Matthews, aka Amelia Aerhart, who was last seen driving towards Mecca has not been sighted since.

The victims of this stunt did not take too kindly to Rahman's disappearing act. Busceme's 78-year-old manager, Hugh Benows, had to be restrained from using his walking cane on one of Rahman's impudent sparring partners. And promoter Bedford, still seething over the $7000 loss from the canceled show was further angered when the abandoned van was found in New Orleans—Avis obligingly charged him for the excess mileage.

WILL THE REAL FIGHTER PLEASE STAND UP?

A COUPLE OF SUMMERS AGO NEW York racing fans were more than a little surprised to see a sub-mediocre longshot named Lebon finish first in a high-stakes race at Belmont Park. Soon afterward, veterinarian Mark Gerard and several cohorts were arrested when it was revealed that they had in fact used a ringer—Uruguayan champion Cinzano—to run in place of the real Lebon and had netted a sum in the hundreds of thousands of dollars from betting on the longshot.

Now boxing has its own version of the ringer but the stakes aren't quite as high. The deception was caught in time and the result is the indefinite suspension of Columbus, Ohio manager Billy Douglas, his fighter Benny Mitchell and promoter George Chuvalo, the former Canadian heavyweight champion.

The story started out, guiltily enough, when Jimmy Gradson, the top Canadian junior middleweight whom Chuvalo manages was imprisoned for assaulting a jogger. But authorities agreed to allow the convict out for a fight while still serving his six-month sentence. The opponent whom Chuvalo lined up was former World Champion Oscar "Shotgun" Albarado. But Albarado, who also goes under the name Alvarado, has been going under a lot lately—in fact he was knocked out in his last three fights. When Bela Szilagyi informed the Ontario commission of this, Commissioner Clyde Gray, the former weltertweight contender, promptly called off the fight and suspended Albarado as required by commission rules. Chauvalo, himself in

need of some quick bucks to pay off a debt and settle a lawsuit filed against him by the Bank of Montreal, wanted desperately to salvage a fight for Gradson. As Chuvalo tells it, manager Billy Douglas agreed to bring in Benny Mitchell as a substitute.

This was fine with Gray, who later said that "Mitchell's record looked okay in *The Ring Record Book*." But after a little bit of digging it was revealed that Bennie Mitchell was still in Columbus; the man appearing with Douglas in Toronto was in fact Bennie's brother Donald, a "fighter" with no known record.

That was more than enough for Gray. The commissioner told the ringer not to go near the ring and began handing out suspensions to everyone involved. Chuvalo protested, claiming that he was himself an innocent victim. "I've been sucked in," claimed George. But Gray wasn't buying. In addition to suspending both Mitchells and Douglas, he suspended Chuvalo and his son Mitch, the promoter of record for the fiasco.

BARTENDERS' TRIVIA CORNER

WHICH AMERICAN BAREKNUCKLE-champion served as a U.S. Congressman?

Last month's question: Which fighters lost challenges for the World Heavyweight Championship but went on to later win the crown?

Answer: JACK SHARKEY lost on a controversial foul to Max Schmeling in a challenge for the vacant championship in 1930; he beat Schmeling for the title on a disputed decision in '32. JERSEY JOE WALCOTT knocked out Ezzard Charles in '51 in what was Walcott's fifth attempt at copping the title. MUHAMMAD ALI challenged Joe Frazier unsuccessfully in 1971 but went on to kayo George Foreman three years later to regain his title. Those are the only three men to do it, although Ken Norton, who had unsuccessfully challenged Ali and Foreman, was "awarded" the WBC title in 1978.

NOW, FOR MY SECOND NUMBER: BIZET'S CARMEN BASILIO

A FAMILIAR FIGURE AT BOXING matches is concert painist Bela Szilagyi, a man who goes unnoticed by the TV cameras on the lookout for celebrities (anyone from Ted Kennedy to Charo). But publicity is not what the Columbus, Ohio resident is after. A boxing fanatic, he's as comfortable at a neighborhood club-fight as at some multimillion dollar "fight of the century" extravaganza. On a recent Friday night he was seen at the Felt Forum in New York taking pictures for Columbus welterweight Tom Moody from the ring apron. The next morning it was off to Philadelphia where Szilagyi was a guest of Matthew Saad Muhammad at his rematch with Dwight Braxton.

Boxing has long played "second fiddle" to piano for the Brooklyn, New York native. At three he played the fiddle, or more properly the violin, in his Hungarian father's gypsy orchestra. At twleve he debuted at Carnegie Hall in a solo piano recital. In his spare time he'd hang around Gleason's Gym while he went on to win awards in international music competitions such as the Queen Elizabeth of Belgium in Brussels.

"I wanted to do a show mixing piano and boxing" says the round-faced musician with the perpetual smile, who keeps the most accurate records in the Buckeye state "but it wouldn't work. My friends in music don't understand boxing, and not many people in boxing are interested in classical piano," especially George Foreman who once said "Boxing is like good jazz..."

ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOK

NEW YORK *NEWSWORLD* BOXING columnist Joe Bruno reports a break-in at his room at the Sands Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, site of the Howard Davis-James Martinez lightweight fight. Person or persons unknown shrewdly passed over $200 in cash, an electric typewriter and Qwip machine and absconded with Bruno's fresh new copy of *The 1982 Ring Record Book.*

SIGN OF THE TIMES

ESPN'S NEWSPAPER ADS FOR THE telecast of the Roberto Duran-Kirkland Laing junior middleweight fight carried—in microscopic insurance contract print—what may soon become a standard tagline: "Programming subject to change." Unfortunately for Duran, in this, the Year of the Postponement/Cancellation, the only sudden surprise related to this bout was its result.

PUNCHLINES

BOOM BOOM MANCINI ON BEING A "distinguished guest" of President Reagan at the White House: "It's like meeting Santa Claus. You go in, say 'Hello,' have your picture taken and you leave."

Dennis Rappaport on his disco-hopping fighter, Gerry Cooney's rumored association with the "sniff set": "This kid is so anti-drugs, a friend of his, a guy Gerry had known for years, began fooling around with the stuff and Gerry won't even look at the guy."

Inside Sports' medical man, the Good Doctor, coming through for a faithful reader who requested a list of some of Rappaport's "creative exhortations" to Cooney during the Holmes fight, "so I can knit them into samplers": " 'Win this one for your dead pet schnauzer, Bruno', 'America's war-dead are behind you' and 'The fate of the planet with all its children as yet unborn rests on your left hook!' "

Gerrie Coetzee, before taking out Stan Ward in two: "If I can't beat this guy, I'll quit the ring."

BY BEN SHARAV

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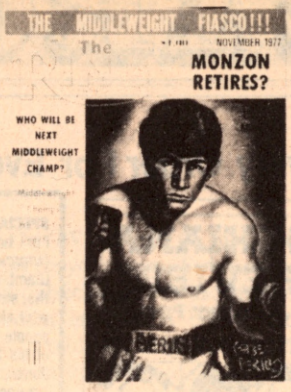

FIVE YEARS AGO

NOVEMBER, 1977: CARLOS MONZON COMPLETED HIS undefeated six-year reign as middleweight champion with a unanimous decision over top-ranked contender Rodrigo Valdes. Monzon announced his retirement immediately after the bout, and said he would pursue a movie career instead . . . *Ring* took a look at other middleweight champions—Bob Fitzsimmons included—who retired unfefeated, and also profiled Monzon's possible successors: Vito Antofourmo, Alan Minter and Marvin (pre-"Marvelous") Hagler. . . . Elsewhere, junior welterweight Wilfred Benitez, welterweight Pipino Cuevas and lightweight Roberto Duran all successfully defended their titles, while upcoming "standout" Alexis Arguello—viewed as a real threat to Duran's crown—KO'd Jose Fernandez in one round.

TEN YEARS AGO

NOVEMBER, 1972: NUMBER TWO-RANKED HEAVYweight contender George Foreman appeared on the threshold of challenging champion Joe Frazier, despite his limited ring experience. Writer Dan Daniel felt Foreman would be taking a big chance, since he didn't appear capable of handling Frazier's power . . . Undefeated middleweight chamnp Carlos Monzon—"The Fighter of the Month"—KO'd top contender Tom Bogs of Denmark inside five rounds. The KO left Monzon without any real competition in the middleweight division, and had *Ring* speculating on a possible match between Monzon and light heavyweight champ Bob Foster . . . And, Nat Loubet, *Ring* editor and publisher, listed his choices for the top five boxing surprises of the century, ranking Dempsey-Firpo, Louis-Schmeling II and Willard-Johnson 1-2-3.

BACK IN THE RING

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

NOVEMBER, 1957: IN AN EXCELLENT BOUT, SUGAR Ray Robinson's fourth reign as middleweight champion came to an end at the hands of "Fighter of the Month" Carmen Basilio. *Ring* editor and publisher Nat Fleischer wrote that the match was reminiscent of the thrilling Zale-Graziano encounters, but that, unlike those bouts, no round was void of action. With the new title tucked securely under his arm, Basilio was forced to relinquish his welterweight crown. A rematch between the two boxers was already in the works . . . In other championship action, Archie Moore KO'd top contender Tony Anthony—a boxer half Moore's age—to retain his light heavyweight crown . . . And, heavyweight Floyd Patterson retained his title with a sixth-round KO of Olympic champ Pete Rademacher, fighting in his first pro fight.

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COME OUT WRITING

SOME DON'T GET THE PICTURE

I JUST FINISHED YOUR ARTICLE ON Holmes-Cooney. It was interesting. Through much of it you stressed that Cooney had been a media-creation who gained popularity with those in power because he was white, big and handsome, with the accent on the first of those "attributes." I agree. He, not Holmes, was on the magazine covers.

But aren't you being a bit hypocritical? After all, whose face is it that decorates your August cover? The champion who once more proved himself? No, the big white handsome loser! Of course. You people know where the money is. Not in supporting Larry Holmes but in Cooney and his potential future which objectively, does not really seem that great. I'm disappointed.

FRANK FRAZEE, CENTRALIA, WA.

I HAVE BEEN A FOND READER OF YOUR magazine for many years and have always respected your opinions. But I must say that I am disappointed in your August issue. I, and I'm sure all the rest of us who do recognize Larry Holmes as the Heavyweight Champion of the World resent the fact that Gerry Cooney was on your cover and played up as the hero of this fight. Then you went one step further and put a full page photo of the challenger in his corner on page 23 without a similar one of the champion.

I won't go so far as to say that *The Ring* is a contributor to the racist hype that surrounded this fight but I will ask this: When is *The Ring* going to recognize Larry Holmes for the true champion that he is? He has met any and all challenges with nothing less than an impressive victory (yes, that includes Renaldo Snipes). Let's give this man the recognition that is due him.

DENNIS BARTLETT, SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Ed Note:

We welcome Mr. Bartlett's (and Mr. Frazee's) quotations, but feel they should have paid more attention to both the article mentioned as well as Ring *over the past three years—and not just the pictures. We particularly refer them to the paragraph which reads "Here could be found Larry Holmes, the heavyweight champion of the world, who had once again triumphed and must now be given his just due for having met everything that has been put in front of him and come up a winner 40 straight times." Not only has Larry Holmes graced our covers three times since we took over in October, 1979, but* The Ring *has recognized him as the champion for almost as long. No, Mr. Bartlett (and Mr. Frazee) we're afraid that looking at mere pictures will not give you the whole picture.*

NO RULES OF THUMB

I HAVE A COMMENT ON THE THUMBless glove controversy. We fans can argue all day on the pros and cons of these new gloves, but let's leave the decision up to the people who will use these mitts—the fighters themselves. This change in equipment should be a gradual one. Like the way this country is slowly learning to use the metric system.

The ruling recently passed by the New York Athletic Commission making the thumbless glove mandatory in the state of New York is too hasty. The Commission is not going to convince veterans to use the gloves overnight. Boxing is hurting enough in New York and now the Commission is forcing fighters to use thumbless gloves? Absurd! If I were a fighter in New York I'd fight somewhere else.

I say put these new gloves to the test in the gyms where the fighters can see how they work, or have them used in international and amateur competition. It will be a trial and error process at first, but at least the fighters will be able to decide if they want to use them as well as also offer suggestions to the designers on modifications which could be made on thumbless gloves. The principle of protecting the fighter is good, but, the fighters should pass judgment on this issue.

RALPH LOPEZ, MILFORD, MICHIGAN

THE MIDDLEWEIGHT MUDDLE

IN YOUR ARTICLE ON MARVIN HAGLER in the May issue of *Ring* there was a small list on how Marvin would rank among the great middleweights of the past. I strongly believe that Sugar Ray Robinson and Harry Greb as numbers one and two deserve their spots. But numbers three to seven are somewhat less obvious. And deserving.

You have Mickey Walker 3rd, Marcel Cerdan 4th, Carlos Monzon 5th, Stanley Ketchel 6th and Jake LaMotta 7th. In my view Stanley Ketchel should have been 3rd instead of Walker. Many people have forgotten that Ketchel dropped the great heavyweight champ Jack Johnson, but paid heavily for it; or that he fought many wars with Billy Papke. Carlos Monzon should be 4th, followed by Walker, LaMotta and Cerdan in that order. Carlos was given 4th only because his style would prove victorious if a war had taken place with Walker. Jake LaMotta beat Marcel Cerdan, so why put Marcel higher than Jake? And I can't see why the board didn't mention Billy Papke in its list, a man who beat Ketchel. And let's not forget Marvin Hagler. I honestly believe *that* his ranking at 10 is fair. Not until he can beat boxers like Sugar Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns and Wilfred Benitez will he get the fame he desires.

RANDALL CHANG, HONOLULU, HAWAII

PAPER TITLES DON'T CARRY MUCH WEIGHT

I FIND IT INCREDIBLY STUPID THAT these "extra" weight divisions have come into boxing. The newest of which, the Cruiserweight division, is totally unnecessary. People talk about today's heavyweights having a weight advantage over the light heavies. Big deal! Did the great Jack Dempsey cry when he weighed just 180 against the 245 lb. Jess Willard? No. He KO'd Willard in the fourth round. And Luis Firpo outweighed Dempsey by 24 lbs. Who won that fight? In fact, Dempsey never weighed over 195 lbs. in his career. Joe Louis, maybe the greatest heavyweight ever, did not weigh much more than 200 lbs. in his prime. And yet he kayoed the 250 lb. Abe Simon in the sixth round on March 17, 1942.

It's true, however, that some I emphasize, *some* champions in these "junior-super" categories are very talented, such as Wilfred Benitez and Wilfredo Gomez. What they should do is get a ranking in a regular division. Benitez should get a ranking as a middle

or welterweight, and Gomez is already ranked in the features. Aaron Pryor is ranked as a lightweight, so he could move down.

Then when this mess is all cleared up, we can get back to the traditional 8 weight classes, and work on getting rid of the WBA and WBC. *MARK BRILL, WESTON, MAINE*

THE BOOK ON RATINGS HAS A BLANK PAGE

ON THE SAME NIGHT, IN THE SAME ring, *The Ring*'s number-four contender, Greg Page, lost to number-six man, Trevor Berbick and third-ranked Gerry Cooney lost to the World Heavyweight Champion. So what happens in the next month's ratings? Page stays at number-four and Cooney drops down all the way to six. All I can say to that is "Bull!"

It's time someone wrote the truth about the "Great" Greg Page. He fights Jimmy Young two years after Cooney massacred Young. Cooney got criticized for having fought a "washed-up old man" and a "set-up" after he took care of Young. Well, Page goes out and almost gets beat by a two-years-older version of that same Young. Or how about the Chaplin fights. If Page hadn't been the "name" and Chaplin the "opponent," the judges would not have rewarded Page for his miserable performance with a victory.

Page can't take it to the body. I saw Marty Monroe hit him in the body and Page stopped fighting and ran around for a while. When Berbick hit him in the head or body Page looked like he wanted to leave the ring. Of course the referee didn't credit Berbick with the legitimate knockdown he scored in the second round. I mean, why do something that would detract from the "next Ali's" reputation?

The only thing similar about Ali and Page is their hometown and their arrogance. But Ali had a right to be arrogant—he'd say he was the greatest and then he'd back it up in the ring.

I always took *The Ring*'s ratings to be the best. This changes my opinion.

BILL COLLIN, HICKSVILLE, N.Y.

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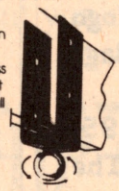

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Q Could you give me the date that Kid Norfolk (real name Willie Ward) died in Harlem Hospital in 1969?

—CHARLES FLETCHER

A *Don't have that in the files at present. Can anyone out there be of help.* The Ring *also needs the date and place of death of Battling Jim Johnson, who fought for the world heavyweight title in 1913.*

Q Would you please tell me who Rocky Marciano won his title from? Also, how tall was Rocky?

—TEE YOUNG

A *Jersey Joe Walcott. 5 ft. 10¼ in.*

Q Did a boxer named Jim Mathews ever fight Tony Galento? Jim was one of my father's friends in Michigan and, supposedly, lost a decision to Galento, breaking Tony's jaw after the verdict was announced.

—MICHAEL ADKINS

A *No record of such a bout.*

Q A recent issue of *The Ring* listed Sammy Angott as coming from Philadelphia and Ezzard Charles from Georgia in "The Ring Ratings 40 Years Ago." I thought Angott came from Washington, Pa. and Charles was from Cincinnati.

—RICHARD ROSS

A *Angott was born in Washington, Pa., but those ratings are supposed to list "boxing bases," not birthplaces. Charles, on the other hand, was born in Georgia, but fought out of Cincinnati. His listing has already been changed.*

Q *The Ring* credits Joe Louis with the longest championship reign at 11 years, eight months, and seven days. But the *Guinness* Book of Sports Records says his reign was 11 years, eight months, and nine days. Who is right?

—JOHN MELVIN GOSLING

A *Louis won the crown from Jim Braddock on June 22, 1937 and held it until he announced his retirement from boxing on March 1, 1949. That makes 11 years, eight months, and seven days, so* The Ring *is right. (Someone should tell the people at Guinness that February only has 28 days.)*

Q *Who's Who in Boxing* by Bob Burrill says Max Schmeling knocked out Young Stribling in the third round in Cleveland on July 7, 1931. But John D. McCallum's book on the world heavyweight champions says the knockout took place in round 15. Which one is correct?

—BOB SWORDS

A *The kayo came in round 15, when referee George Blake stopped the contest with only 14 seconds left.*

Q Of what ethnic extraction was Newsboy Brown?

—JOE DIORIO

A *Jewish.*

Q Was Everett Rightmire the same man as Young Rightmire?

—AL KAUFMAN

A *One and the same fighter.*

Q I read somewhere that Joe Louis' first pro fight was a scheduled 10-round main event. Is that true?

—JIM PLANK

A *Not exactly. Joe's first pro bout, against Jack Kracken in Chicago on July 4, 1934, was the scheduled* six-round main event. *Bob Soderman of IBRO, the International Boxing Research Organization, is now going through Louis' early fights in great detail. (IBRO, incidentally, can be reached at the following address: John Grasso, Pres., IBRO, Box 84, Guilford, New York 13780.)*

Q Does Sugar Ray Leonard have a fan club?

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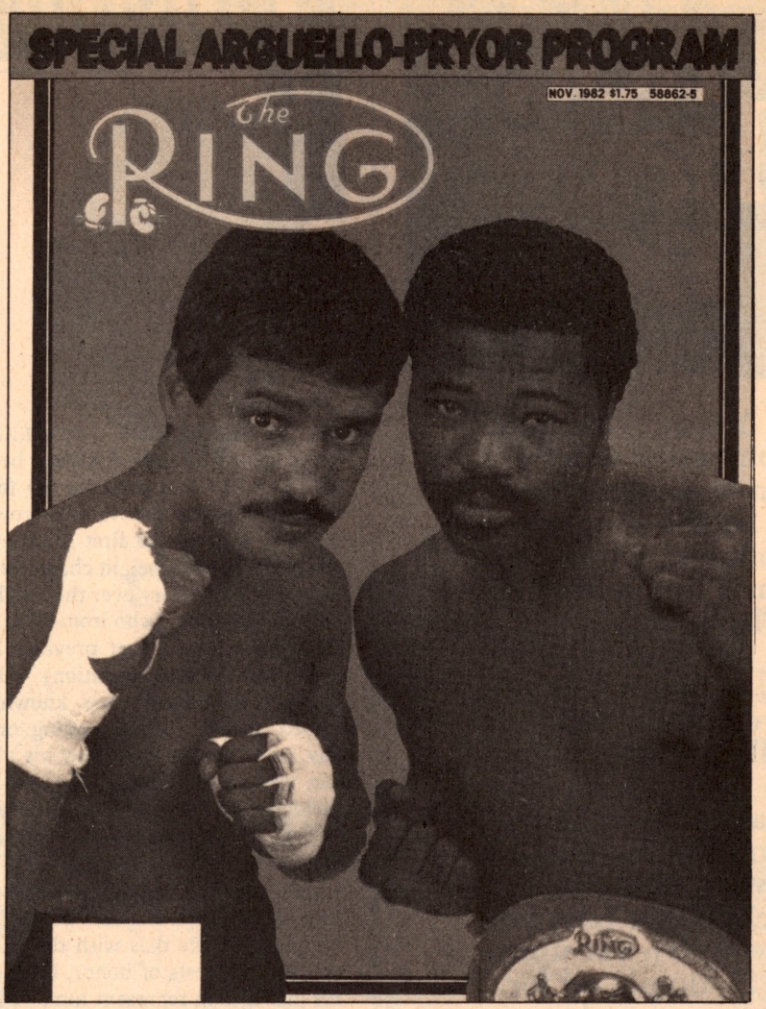

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

ON NOVEMBER 16, 1927—EXACTLY 55 years ago—Theodore Flowers, better known as Tiger Flowers, passed away following an operation for the removal of a growth over his left eye. He was the first Black ever to hold the title of middleweight champion. It was acquired in his victory over the late Harry Greb on Feb. 26, 1926 (who ironically, also passed away just about a year previous following a somewhat similar operation). The Georgia Deacon, as Flowers was known, was described, in the Condescending order of the day, as a "Negro who knew his place." This fact was never better exemplified than in an incident that happened shortly after he became champion. A dinner was arranged by the Boxing Writers Association of New York which awarded championship belts to the then titleholders. Flowers was invited to take his place on the dais with the champions as one of the guests of honor, but he delegated his manager to represent him. "I know I'm a champion," he explained, "but I am a Negro and maybe some of the white folks might think it out of place for me to sit down with them. So you'll please excuse me if I stay away." Also many other incidents could be cited of the fine simplicity of this fine gentle person. He lost his title to Mickey Walker, in a 10-round title bout, Dec. 3, 1926 in Chicago. Only the Saturday night previous to his death, Nov. 12, 1927, he made what was to be his last ring appearance when he fought Leo Gates, a heavyweight, in a Harlem club, and stopped his man in four rounds. Born in Camille, Ga., he was tewnty-five-years old before he fought his first contest. Had a career of 149 bouts of which he was victor in all but 11. Elected to The Boxing Hall of Fame in 1971, "Tiger" Flowers was a great champion. He was a credit to the boxing game and to his race. The famous ring announcer Joe Humphries, in the quaint language of the '20s, described Tiger Flowers as the "Whitest Negro I have ever known since Joe Gans." . . .

On Oct. 29, 1982, the dean of boxing trainers Ray Arcel, who had trained over 1,000 fighters including 20 world champions in the past sixty-some years, celebrated his 83rd birthday. "Happy Birthday, to a fine gentleman, Ray Arcel." . . . The former light heavyweight champion of the world, Anton Christoforidis, is alive and well and living in Athens, Greece. Anton would like to obtain some films of his fights. He claims many films were made but has no idea where he can get them. Listed are some he would like to buy: his fights with Gus Lesnevich-MSG, Ceferino Garcia-Cleveland Arena; Melio Bettina-Cleveland Arena; Jimmy Bivins-Cleveland Arena (3 fights) and Johnny Colan-Chicago Stadium. However, he would be happy to obtain any prints of his other fights as well. If anyone can help, please write to Anton Christoforidis, c/o Managing Director, DISKI CBS AEBE Messogion 3II, Halandri, Greece. Thank you. . . .

Tan Wee Eng of Singapore writes of the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Pete Sarmiento. Pete fought Joe Lynch in Philadelphia in 1924, Jack Dempsey was the referee . . . Sal Bartolo, ex-featherweight champion has sold his famed Sienna Room Nite Club in Boston and is now a Deputy Sheriff at the Salem Superior Court in Massachusetts . . . Former pro-boxer Charley Italiano is now a referee with the New York State Athletic Commission . . . Former heavyweight contender of the '50s Dan Bucceroni has recently authored a fine boxing self-defense book which sells for $2.50. To order write Dan Bucceroni, P.O. Box 389A, Blue Bell, PA. 19422. . . . Dr. Stuart E. Kirschenbuam, former amateur boxer and respected pro-boxing judge, has been appointed Chairman of the Michigan Athletic Board of Control by Gov. William C. Milliken. This position has been commonly referred to, in the past as the State Boxing Commission. . . .

Longevity in the Ring—Kenny Lane making a comeback in the squared circle at the age of 50 and another former fistic great Milo Savage, who is also in his fifties trying to get licensed to box again, brings back the legend of Bobby Dobbs who holds the record for ring longevity. Dobbs was one of the most amazing figures in ring history. From the time he was eighteen until he was sixty he was active in the squared circle, and his forty-four years of boxing established a record that no one has ever come close to equaling. Bobby picked no easy marks either. Fighting men like: Joe Gans (3 times)—gaining a 20-round decision over him in 1897 and losing in the other two

to the Old Master—Lost a 20-round bout to Rube Ferns, won over Matty Matthews by a foul in 25 rounds and fought both Joe Walcott and Dixie Kid. At the age of fifty-seven, old Bobby stopped Bill Meekins at Budpest in eighteen rounds and when he was sixty he went 15 rounds with Knockout Lew Williams at Savannah, Ga. Probably the closest to Dobbs was Bob Fitzsimmons. Fitz was 52 years old when he retired in 1914. Fellows like these give the lie to the theory that the athletic deadline is thirty and that when a boxer passes that mark he begins to slip down hill. . . .

One of our readers wants to know about the longest fights on record. Here's the list: the longest glove fight on record was that between Andy Bowen and Jack Burke at New Orleans, April 6 1893. The pair went 110 rounds to a draw. The fight occupied 7 hours and 9 minutes. The longest bare knuckle fight was between Jim Kelly and Jack Smith at Melbourne, Australia in 1855. It lasted 6 hours and 15 minutes. There were others but these two were the longest in the glove and bare knuckles categories.

On August 2, 1982 the former great lightweight champion of the world, Ike Williams, 1945-1951, celebrated his 59th birthday, and on August 1, 1982 Petey Scalzo ex-featherweight champ, celebrated his 65th birthday. Happy Birthday to two fine friends.

Former professional lightweight boxer Anthony Cavallo, who fought in the 30's under the name of "Tony Carlo," died on July 1 1982 at Riverview Hospital in Red Bank, N.J. He was 75 years old. Born in New York City, Cavallo did most of his fighting in the state of New Jersey. Rest In Peace.

Charles Wepner, Sr., age 74, who boxed professionally in the early '30s, died Oct. 28, 1982 in Palisades General Hospital, North Bergen, N.J. He was the father of the former heavyweight contender, Chuck Wepner. Charlie boxed pro for about five years. In his first bout he fought Stanley Poreda. He later worked as a sparing partner for both Jack Dempsey and Jimmy Braddock, and was a member of Veteran Boxers Association, Ring 14, Hudson County, N.J. Rest in Peace.

Jim Harkins, President of Ring 44 Buffalo tells of the great reception accorded Sugar Ray Leonard when he visited in early July. Ray signed autographs and thanked the City for caring about him *CHARLIE SPINA*

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1972	*6-1*	*6*	*20*
1973	*7-0*	*6*	*28*
1974	*6-1*	*5*	*50*
1975	*6-0*	*5*	*30*
1976	*3-0*	*2*	*15*
1977	*7-0*	*6*	*25*
1978	*5-1*	*4*	*47*
1979	*3-0*	*3*	*41*
1980	*5-0*	*3*	*44*
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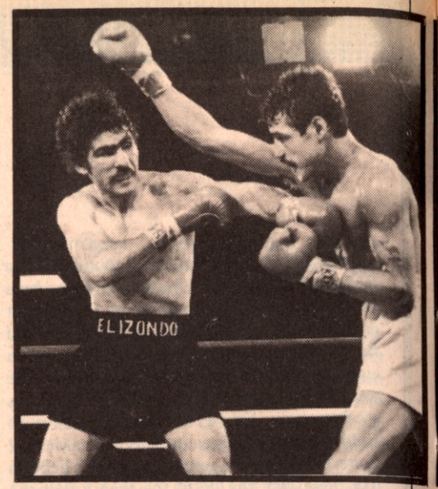
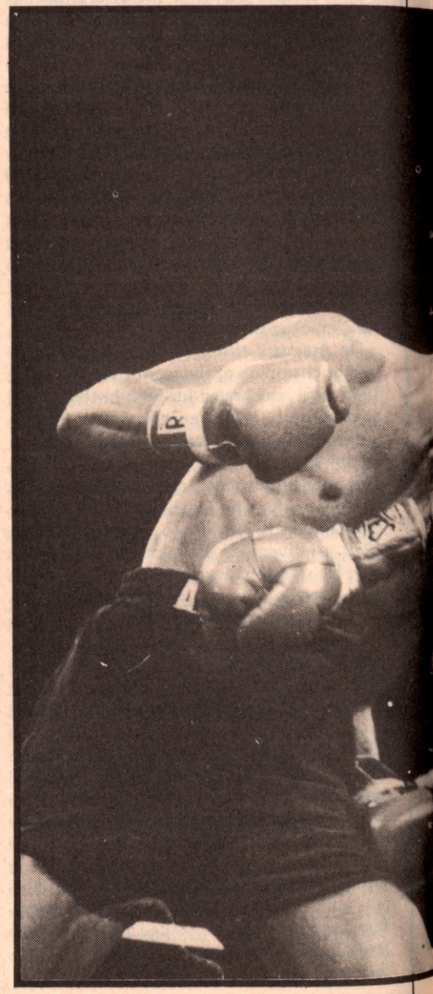
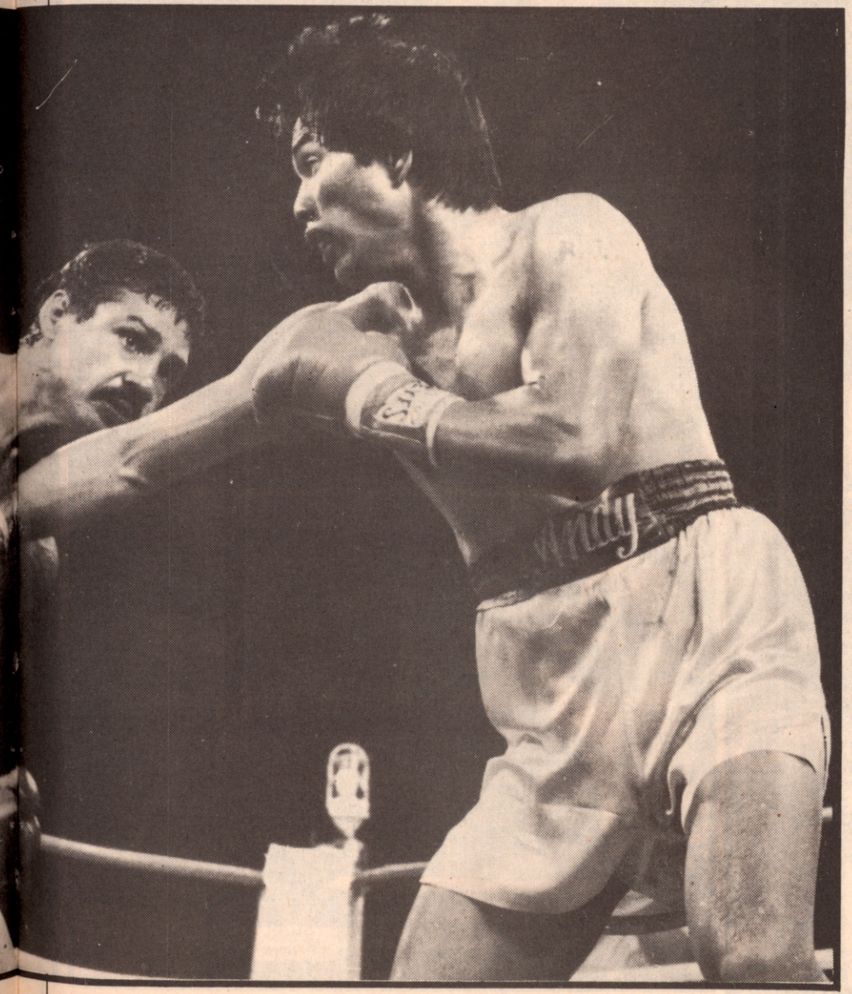
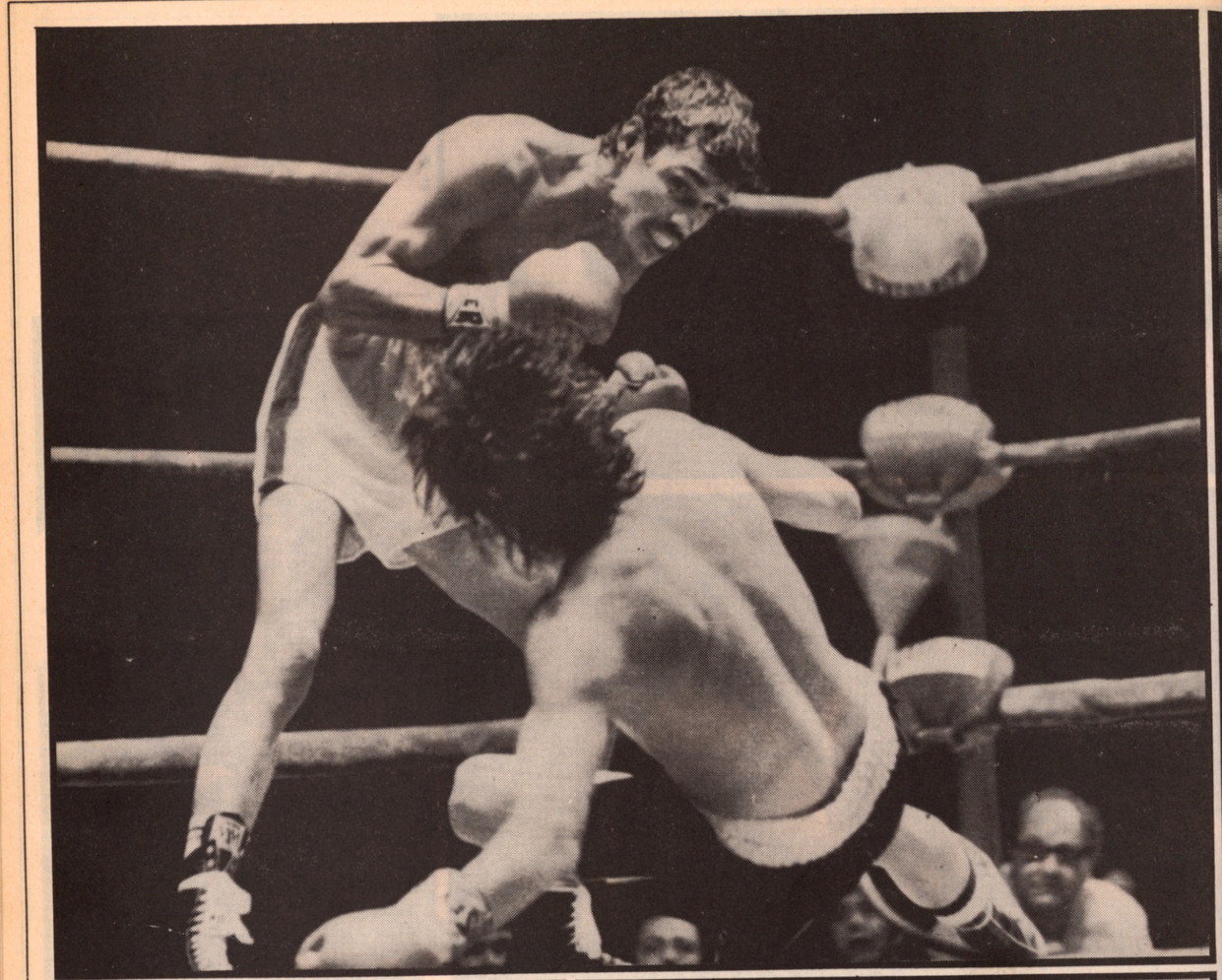


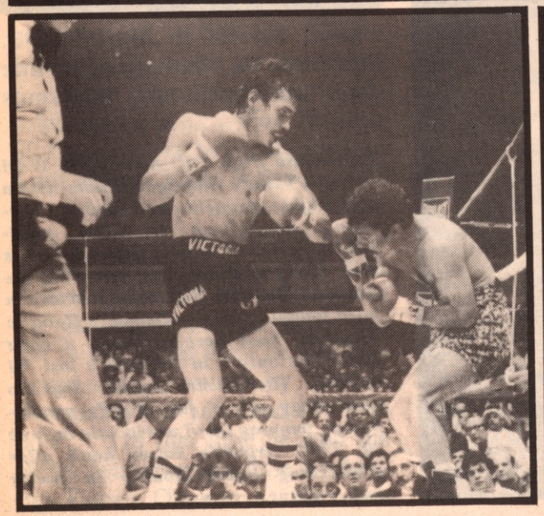


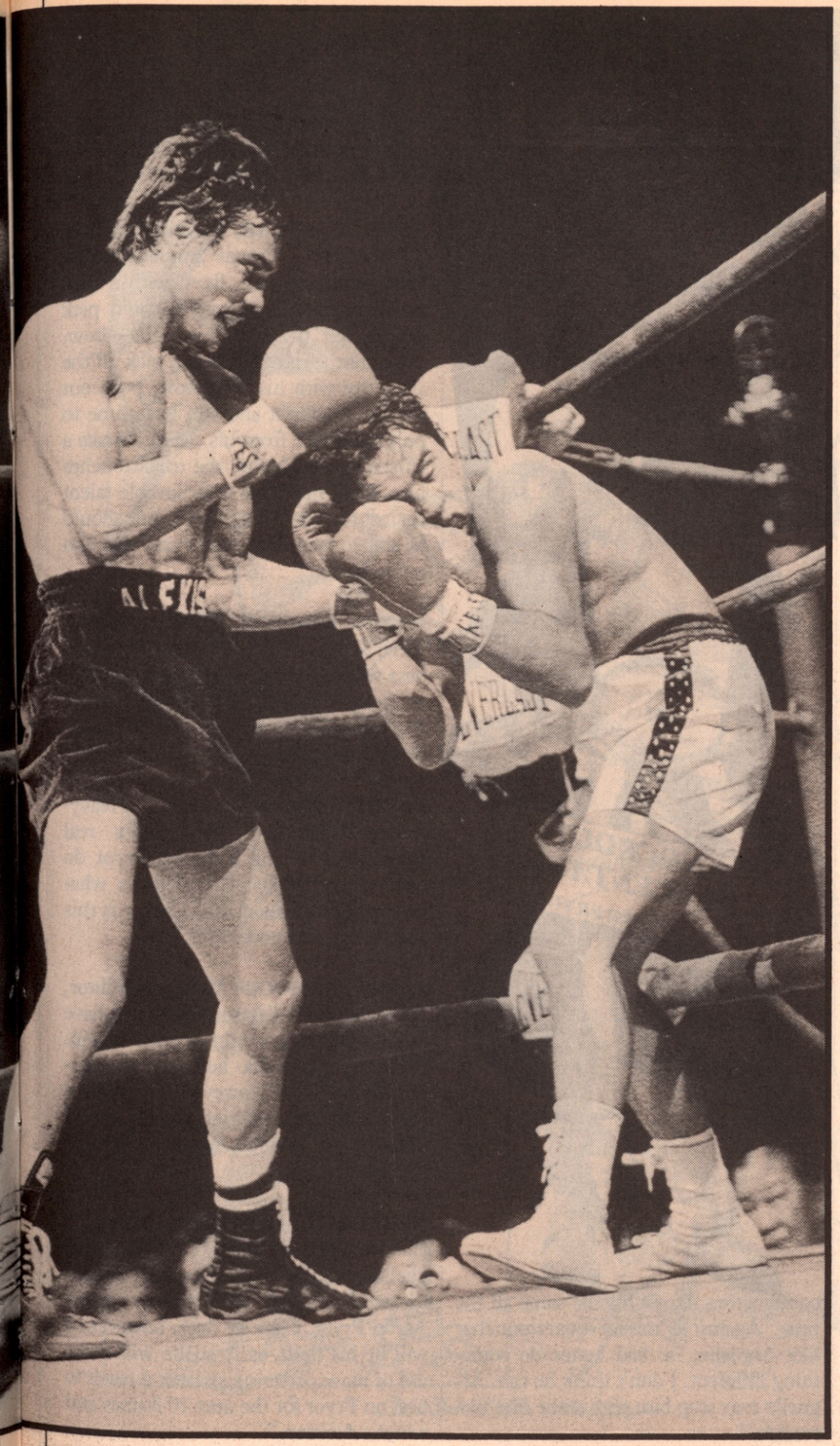


round, November 23, 1974 . . . Retained his featherweight title four times with early knockouts

(Clockwise from left) Some-time WAA "champ" Andy Gannigan misses with a stiff right. Arguello survived a first-round knockdown to kayo hard-punching Hawaiian in 5; Gannigan takes wide swing in same bout; Lowering the boom on Mancini: Ray lasted fourteen in hard-fought '81 title-go; Roberto Elizondo, seen here throwing a right could last only 7 in Arguello's last '81 defense; The master boxer, Arguello took away all of Jim Watt's candle-power, winning third world title in June 20, 1981; Arguello raises hand after dispatching Kevin Rooney in junior welter debut.



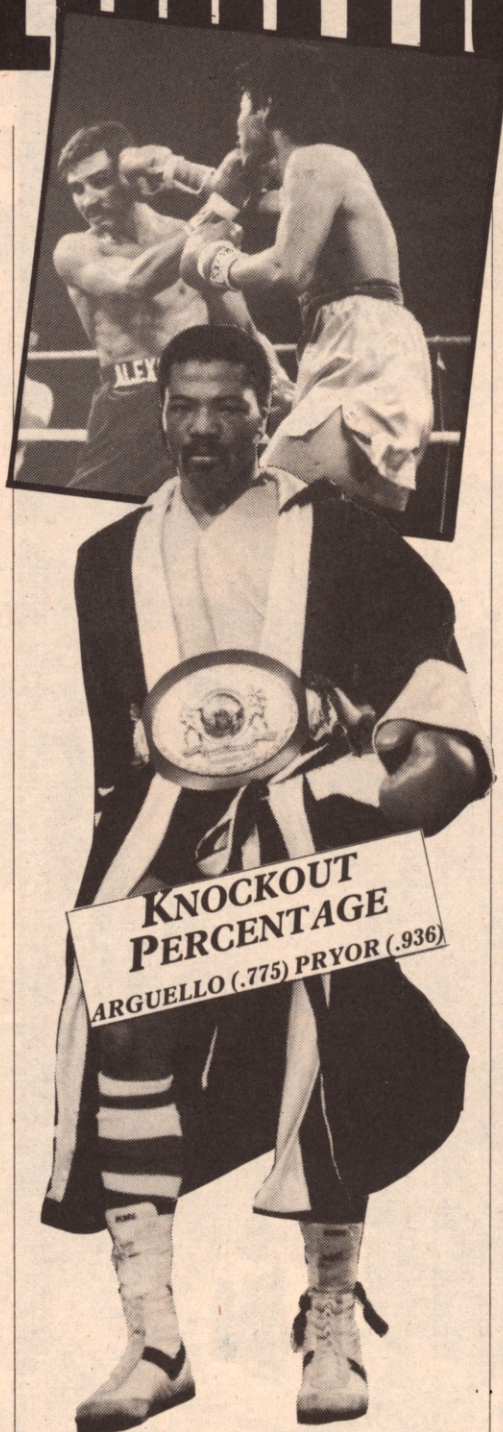




before giving it up due to weight problems in 1977 . . . Won the WBC junior lightweight crown on January 28, 1978, from Alfredo Escalera in a sensational fight, stopping him in round 13 . . . Defended junior lightweight crown eight times stopping, among others, Escalera again, Rafael Limon, Bobby Chacon, Ruben Castillo, Rolando Navarette and Cornelius Boza-Edwards in a non-title fight . . . Moved up to the lightweight class in 1980 . . . Became lightweight champion with a one-sided decision against Jim Watt on June 20, 1981 . . . Knocked out Ray Mancini October 3, 1981 in a title defense . . . Defended title twice more in 1982 . . . July 31, 1982 moved up to the junior welterweight class with a second-round knockout of Kevin Rooney . . . Scheduled now to fight undefeated junior welter champion Aaron Pryor for an unprecedented fourth crown . . . Is 19-1 in title fights . . . Now lives in Kings Bay, Florida . . . Finally receiving just due as one of the greatest fighters of all time . . . Overall record 76-4, 61 knockouts.

Opposite page: (Bottom Left) In a non-title featherweight bout in 1977, Alexis pounds out a unanimous decision against Ben Ortiz, the only fighter to go the distance with him that year. (Top) Here Arguello sends WBA featherweight champion Ruben Olivares of Mexico sprawling to the canvas during the 12th round of their title fight in Inglewood, Cal. Olivares got up and finished the round, but was knocked out in the 13th. (Bottom right) Alexis smashes a left to the head of Arturo Leon in the third round of their World Junior Lightweight title bout at Caesars Palace. Arguello retained the title by a unanimous 15 round decision. (Left) WBC junior lightweight king, Alexis Arguello, lands a left uppercut to the chin of challenger Bobby Chacon during second round action, opening a cut on Chacon's right eye. The fight was stopped in the seventh by the ring physician.

PREDICTIONS



EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD, Ex-WBA Light Heavyweight Champion—"Aaron Pryor and I are very good friends. I don't want to jinx him by picking against him and I don't want to jinx him by picking in favor of him. I just think it's gonna be one heckuva fight."

JACK FISKE, Columnist, S.F. Chronicle—"If Pryor comes out throwing leather at the opening bell, he may last no more than two rounds. If he doesn't come out throwing, it'll take Arguello a little longer, like 10."

STERLING MCPHERSON, Unbeaten Las Vegas Lightweight—"I think Arguello will stop Pryor around the 13th round."

MEL GREB, Las Vegas Promoter—"I've gotta go with Arguello inside six rounds."

AHMED BEY, California Promoter—"Pryor fights in the same style as Mancini, though I think he's better than Mancini. Also, Pryor carries more weight than Mancini and he's been much more active and in tougher fights. You saw what trouble Mancini gave Arguello. That says something right there. On top of that, Arguello might be over his peak. Pryor will take the decision."

CHARLIE SPINA, RING Columnist, Boxing Judge—"Arguello will win. The best of him will be seen this fight. It'll be his last great fight. I look for him to stop Pryor around the 10th or 11th round. Experience will be the difference."

MARK BRELAND, Top American Olympic Hopeful—"I think Pryor is going to run into a left hook/right cross combination. He fights the same all the time. Against a master boxer/puncher like Arguello, he had better do something different. I don't think he can. Arguello may stop him within the first five rounds."

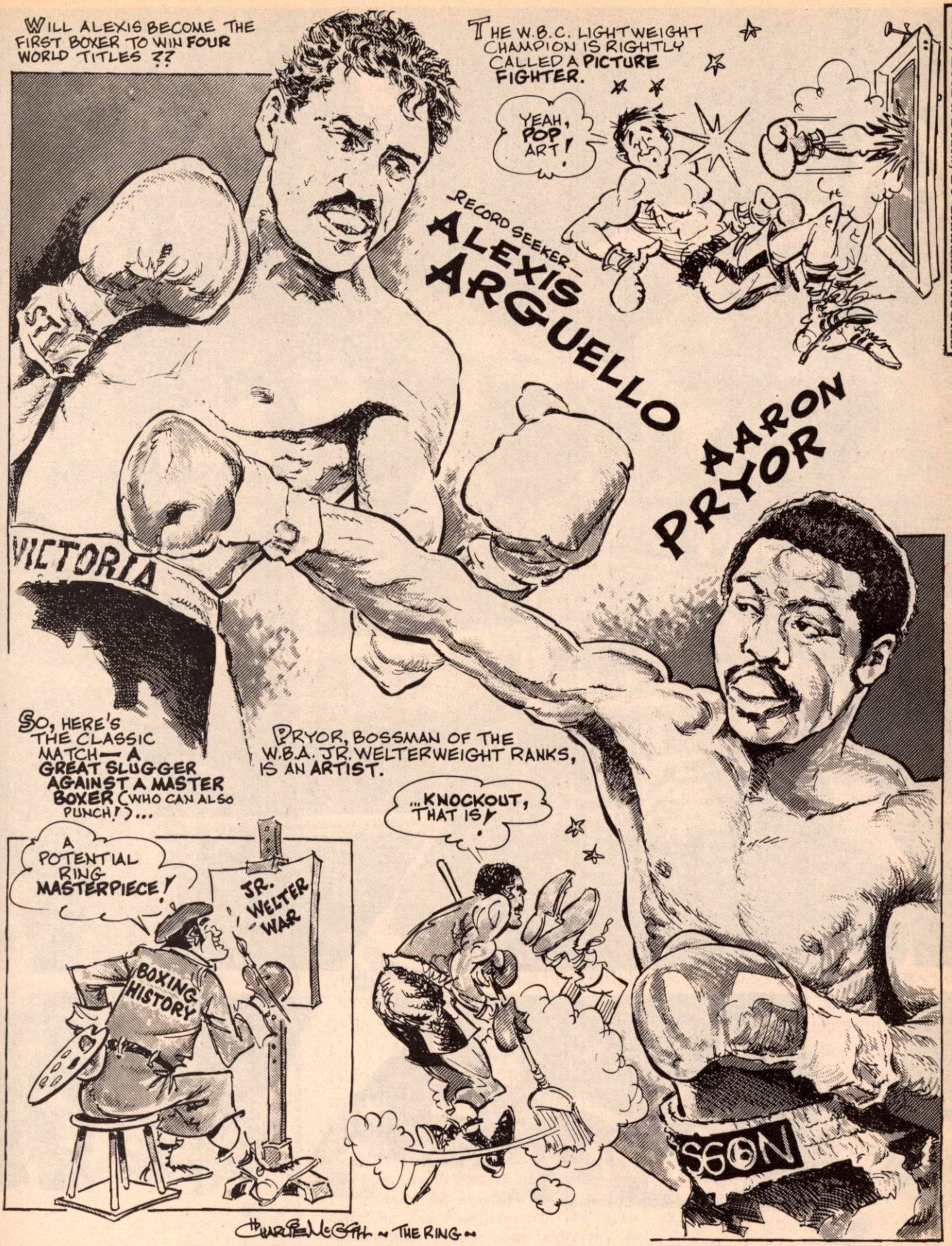
BERT R. SUGAR, Editor/Publisher, THE RING —"Alexis Arguello is the kind of fighter who, faced with a runaway truck on Interstate I, could pick off the left tire with his right elbow, poke out the right headlight, pick off the right tire with his left elbow, poke out the left headlight and still have time to pull the driver from his cab and make a citizen's arrest before the truck touches him. He'll need this unbelievable talent against the onrushing Pryor, but should be able to neutralize Aaron and take him out in seven."

RANDY GORDON, Associate Editor, THE RING—"Pryor's quest for greatness will have to wait for another night, as the man he's facing is already there. Anything Pryor can do, Arguello can do better. Arguello inside seven."

LARRY HOLMES, World Heavyweight Champion—"This is a real tough fight to call. I've seen Pryor do some crazy things. Who knows what he's really capable of. All I know is this should be a real good fight."

STEVE FARHOOD, Managing Editor, KO Magazine—"Aaron Pryor will have to fight the perfect fight in order to win. Most experts think he'll try to overwhelm Arguello. However, if he utilizes movement and superior hand speed, I think he can frustrate Arguello and win the decision."

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN, Managing Editor, THE RING—"The great Arguello will be hard pressed to get through the first five rounds against Aaron Pryor. Once he does, however, it will be his fight, as Arguello will make use of his superb ring skills and reach to beat on Pryor for the next 10 frames and win via decision."


WILL ALEXIS BECOME THE FIRST BOXER TO WIN FOUR WORLD TITLES ??
THE W.B.C. LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION IS RIGHTLY CALLED A PICTURE FIGHTER.
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AARON PRYOR

YEAR	RECORD	KNOCKOUTS	ROUNDS
1976	1-0	1	2
1977	8-0	6	31
1978	5-0	5	24
1979	6-0	6	28
1980	7-0	7	29
1981	2-0	2	9
1982	2-0	2	18
TOTALS:	31-0	29	141

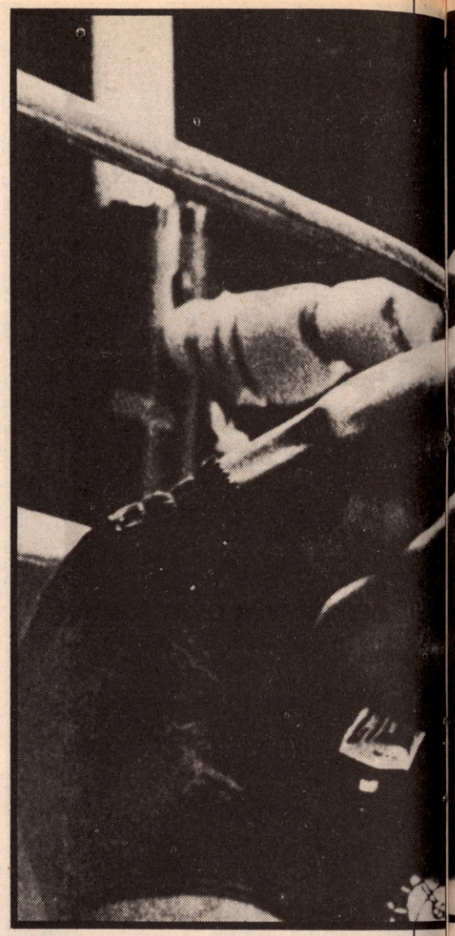
AVERAGE FIGHT LASTS 4.6 ROUNDS

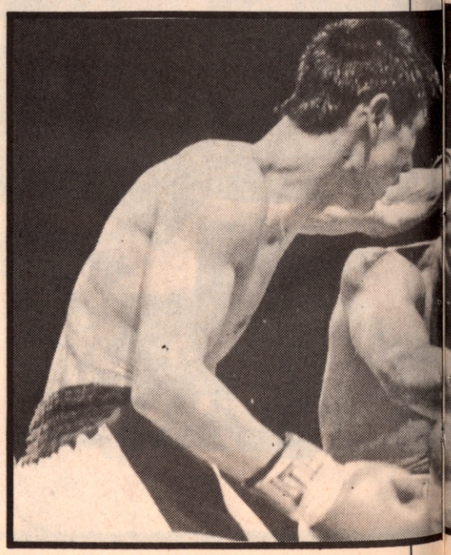
PRYOR

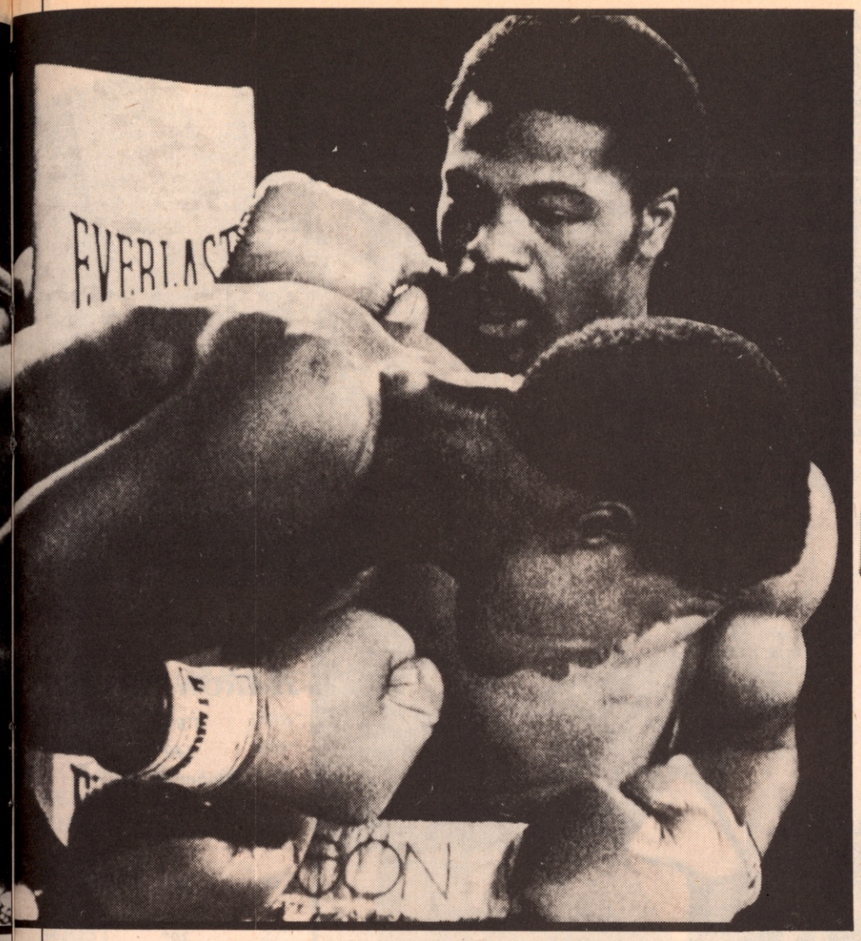
BORN IN CINCINNATI, OHIO, October 20, 1955 . . . Height: 5'6½" . . . Amateur record: 204-16 . . . After his goal of making the 1976 U.S. Olympic team fell short with dual losses to Howard Davis, Jr., Pryor turned pro in November, 1976 . . . Halted his opponent in round two . . . Stopped his next four foes before iron-chinned Jose Resto lasted the eight-round distance . . . Two fights later, another human punching-bag—Johnny Summerhays—took a leather shampoo for eight rounds, refusing to fall . . . He was the last man to go the distance against Pryor . . . Since then, Pryor has knocked out 23 consecutive oppo-

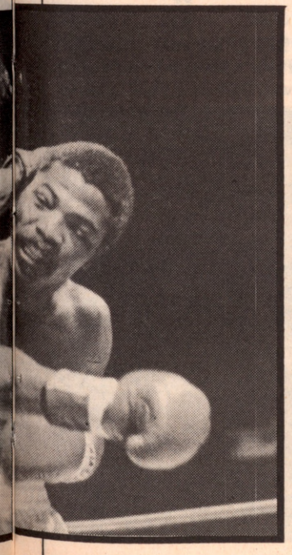
(left) Dujuan Johnson, following through. He decked champ in 1st, but Pryor bombed him out in 7. (above) Catching Kid Pambele with the right. Cincinnati Cyclone was awesome in winning crown in 4.

nents . . . Won the title on August 2, 1980 from Antonio (Kid Pambele) Cervantes . . . Down in the first, Pryor stormed back to stop Cervantes in the fourth round . . . Has since made five successful defenses and had one non-title fight (KO 3, Danny Myers) . . . Has the best knockout percentage in the history of the junior welterweight division (.936) . . . Has stopped five opponents in the first round . . . Nicknames: "The Hawk" and "The Cincinnati Cyclone" . . . Will put his world junior welterweight title on the line against Alexis Arguello in November . . . Overall record: 31-0, 29 knockouts.









(clockwise from left) An uppercut hurts Akio Kameda in Pryor's last title defense and last tune-up for Arguello; Japanese challenger grazes Aaron with left. First round swing decked careless champ, but five rounds — and six knockdowns of Kameda — later, ref halted mismatch. Pryor'd better not get careless with Arguello, or Alexis will walk away with fourth world title; Pryor struggles with Miguel Montilla in Atlantic City slugfest this March. Gutty challenger gave Pryor more than just a hoped-for "workout"; Struggling no longer, he batters game Dominican into submission in 12th; Lennox Blackmore was x'ed out in just 2. Hell, champ is entitled to an easy one now and then!; Champ celebrates after turning back Montilla.

TALE OF THE TAPE

	AARON PRYOR	ALEXIS ARGUELLO
HEIGHT	5'6⅔"	5'9⅔"
WEIGHT	140*	140*
DATE OF BIRTH	October 20, 1955	April 19, 1952
REACH	70"	72"
CHEST (Norm)	39"	36"
CHEST (Exp.)	40"	38"
WAIST	30"	27"
NECK	15"	14⅔"

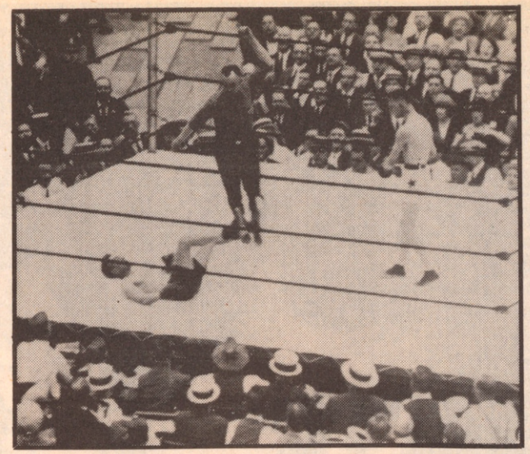
58% of Arguello's knockouts have come with the first three rounds. 48% of Pryor's knockouts have come in the first three rounds. Arguello has won 35% of all his fights by knockout within the first two rounds.

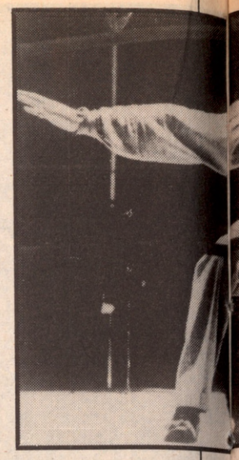
UPSETS MAKE THE SPORT

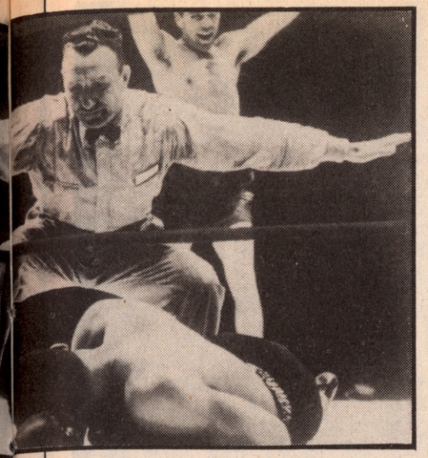
UPSETS ARE WHAT MAKES BOXING the great sport that it is—the possibility of the underdog rising to great heights for that one night in much the same way Charlie Chaplin was able to flatten the big bully every once in awhile. ¶ Here are eight of boxing's greatest upsets—not including the upset stomachs of *The Ring's* staff members at deadline time.

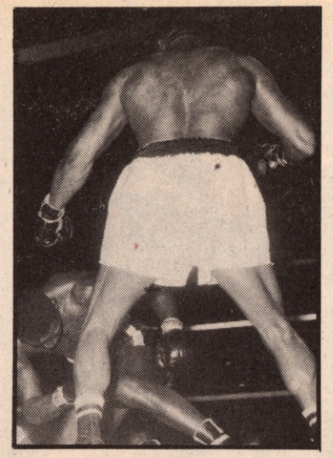
—HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

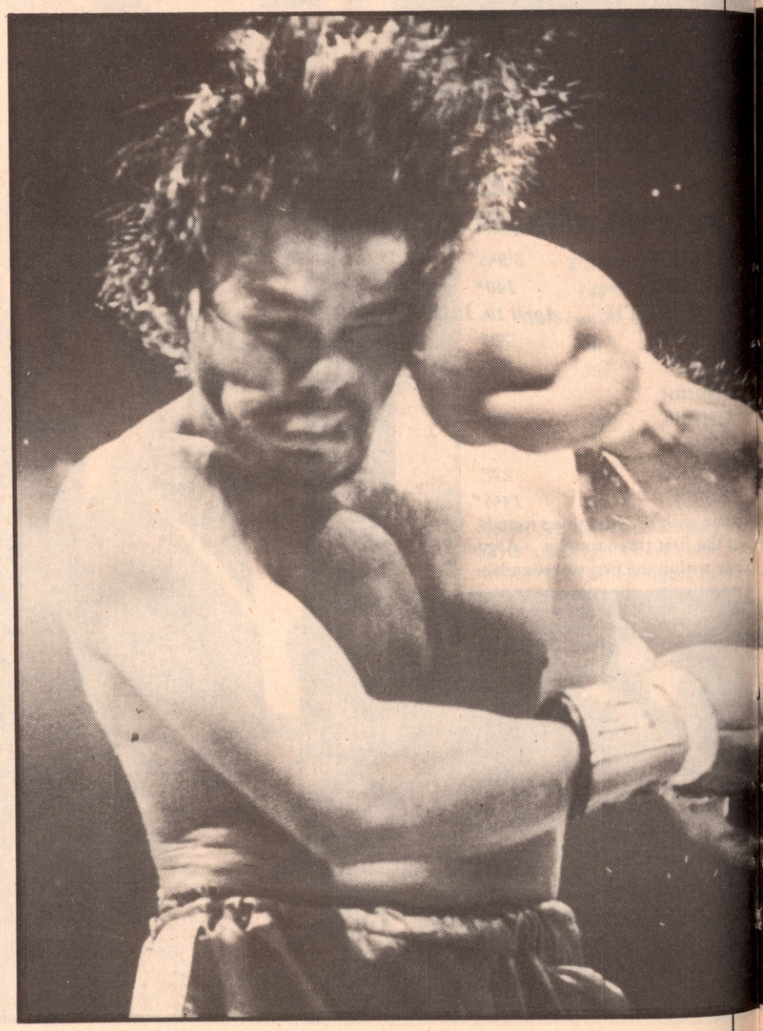
Clockwise from above: Ref counts out Kilbane, and Eugene Criqui is the featherweight champion of the world. 1923 bout was quite a shocker as popular Irish-American champ had been kayoed only once, by the great Benny Leonard, in 139 bouts. Kilbane retired and Criqui was dethroned by Johnny Dundee in next bout; Max Schmeling exults as Joe Louis is counted out in '36 bout. The Brown Bomber had been on quite a roll, having kayoed his last ten foes including former champions Max Baer and Primo Carnera. Loss didn't derail the Louis Express: Joe kayoed former champion Jack Sharkey in next bout and ten months later he was heavyweight champion of the world; If at first (and second and third and fourth) you don't succeed... It took him five tries to do it, but Jersey Joe Walcott, finally captured the elusive belt at the age of 37 with this knockout of Ezzard Charles in 1951. He'd lost to Louis (though most disputed it) in '47 and had been kayoed by the Bomber in '48. Charles beat him in '49 and '51 and was expected to do it again. Joe's right hand changed that in round 7; Cassius Clay wasn't supposed to last more than a round with Sonny Liston, two-time, one-round conqueror of Floyd Patterson. When Liston quit, giving Clay the title in 7th round of '64 bout, the "experts" who had sneered at "Gaseous Cassius" insisted the fight had been fixed; Leon Spinks stunned the world, winning the heavyweight title from Ali in only his eighth professional fight in February, 1978. Maybe they shouldn't have been so shocked. Ali hadn't had an impressive win since the thrilla in Manila in '75; Joe Frazier was mulling over multi-million dollar offers for a rematch with Ali when he agreed to take a tune-up against George Foreman in '73. The result was the worst beating ever administered to a heavyweight champion. Said Foreman "I want to dedicate this victory to Howard Cosell."; Kirkland Laing pounds Roberto Duran in what is undoubtedly the "Upset of the Year".

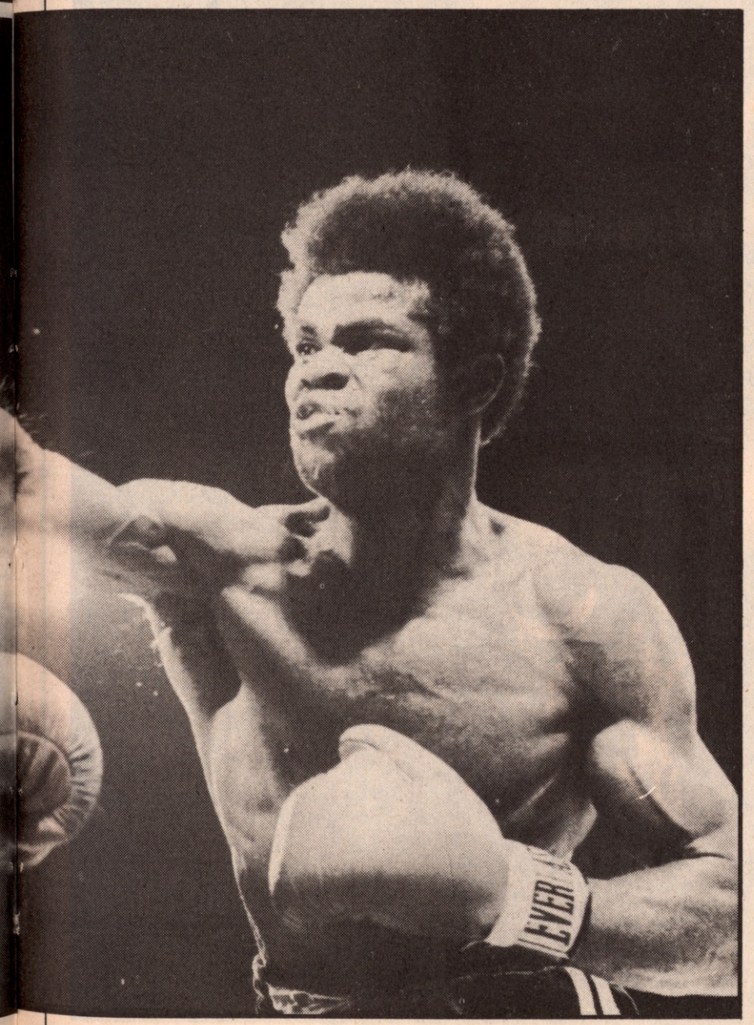


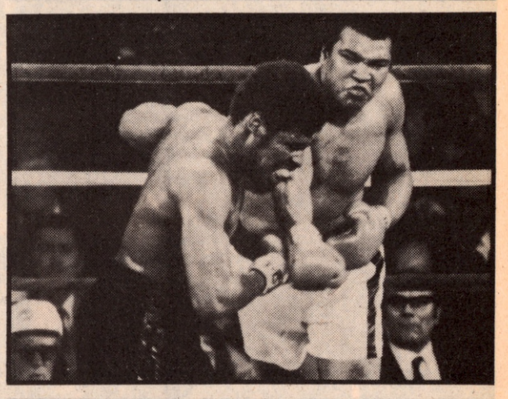


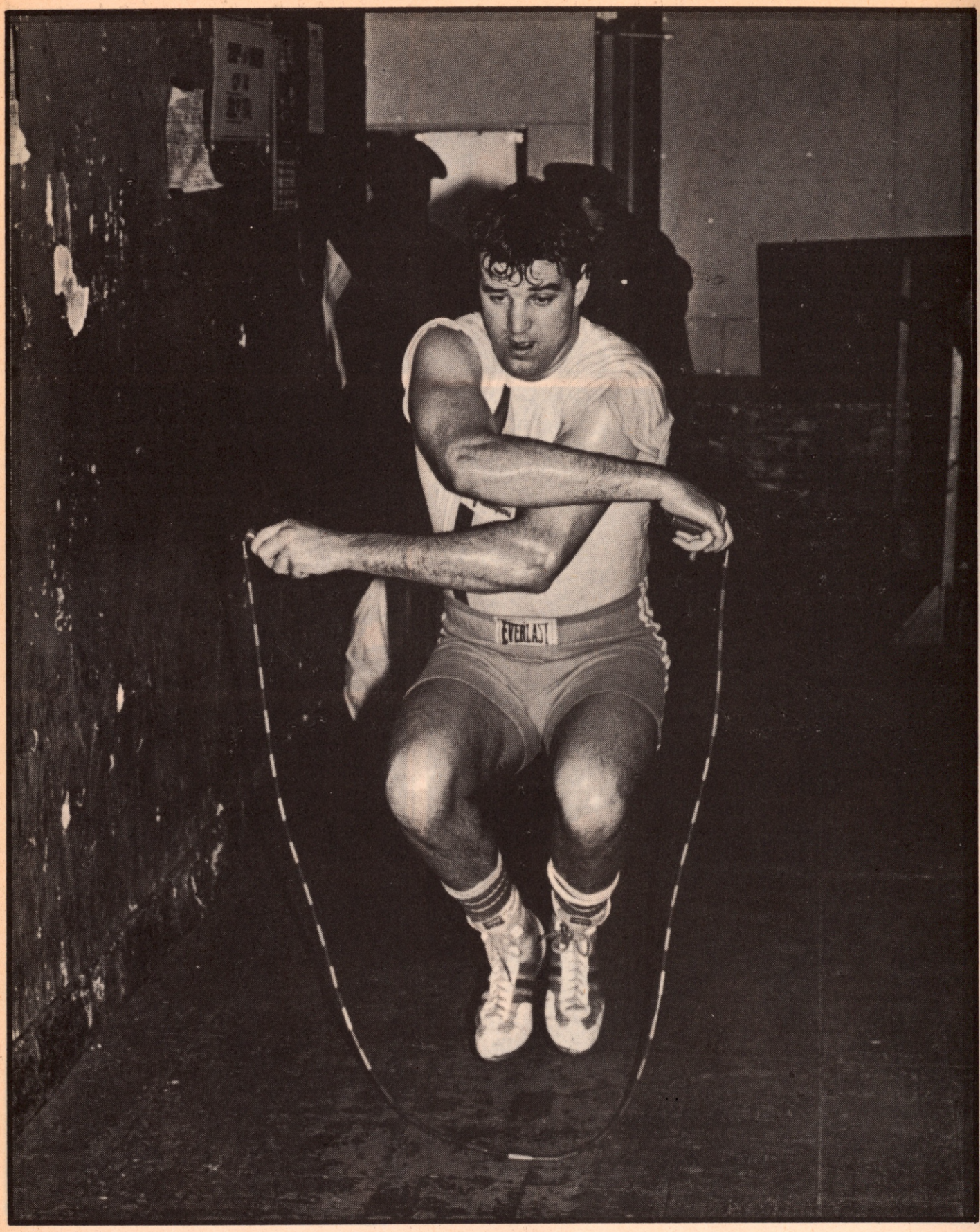











EVERLAST

FOR MANY MONTHS after Gerry Cooney gave it his good-but-no-cigar try against WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, the left-hooking hopeful was so forlorn that he treated going back to the gym like a kid going to the dentist. Cooney, for all those months, was hurting. The lumps he received from the 13-round pasting Holmes had given him in Las Vegas last June 11 were all healed, but his hurt was inside—all over his ego. "Such a shame I lost," he'd tell everybody who would listen. "I'm sorry, mom. . .I'm sorry, fellows. . .I'm sorry. . .I'm sorry. . .I'm sorry. . ." Poor Gerry, he was apologizing to the entire world when all the time he should have taken a week or two off and then gotten his butt right back into the gym.

BY BILL GALLO

GERRY COONEY:
BOXING'S VERSION OF HAMLET DECIDES WHETHER 'TIS NOBLER TO TAKE UP ARMS OR GIVE UP THE GHOST

IN ALL THAT TIME THE MAN WHO should have been the most concerned over the heavyweight contender's reluctance to get back into a training regimen should have been Victor Valle, his trainer. Valle, after all is the man whom Gerry called a "second father"—"Without him I would not know too much about fighting," he liked to say.

Valle waited for months after the title fight and hoped he'd get that one call from Gerry saying he's ready to go back and that he was tired of the disco dancing and all the other stuff that goes with staying up late.

At one point during Cooney's "vacation" from the gym, Valle told us that Gerry, who always had the habit of calling him on the phone two or three times a day, had phoned him only twice since the night of the fight—and then only to say 'hello.'

"I was waiting, like everybody else, to see what he does," said Valle. "I never wanted to push him or call him to get back to work. That always has to come from the fighter himself. Suppose I was to goad him into coming back and something happened to him? I'd never forgive myself."

Aside from the two 'hello' calls, Valle had seen Cooney only once since the June 11 fight. It was at the Salvador Sanchez-Azumah Nelson fight in the Garden on July 21 that Valle gave his heavyweight-cum-"son" some words of encouragement and then urged him to be back in training, even if just to do some roadwork.

"Look," he cautioned Cooney, "I don't care whether you fight or not, we'll always be good friends. If you want to quit, it's OK—but tell everybody about it now. Don't let people wonder what your plans are."

The meeting of the two that night was in a Garden dressing room as Valle was getting one of his fighters ready for a fight on the Sanchez-Nelson undercard. By coincidence, the last time I saw Cooney and/or Valle was that night when I sat in on their conversation in the dressing room.

That evening, Gerry looked glum and gaunt—"I'm on a diet," he said—and his conversation with Valle went on after I left the room. The same night Valle and I talked about the Holmes-Cooney fight.

"Gerry was the coolest I've ever seen him before the fight," Valle said, "but who can tell what was going on inside of him? Something about a fighter is he never tells you how he really feels. He keeps it all to himself. All I know is that Gerry could've been the heavyweight champion if he fought the fight according to plan and if he could've been tougher.

"Gerry didn't fight, not even half the fight he was supposed to fight. The only thing it proved to me (and himself), was he can take it . . . Gerry had 17 stitches. 10 in the eye, above the eyebrow and five below the eye and two on his nose. He's for real! And maybe, by losing, he gained, or at least I thought so, at the time.

"The strategy was for Gerry to get down low and wait for the right hand to come and when Holmes had the left up Gerry would hook inside to the body and come up with the same left hook to the head. The pity is he never followed that plan."

Although Gerry Cooney still hasn't stepped foot in a gym since his loss to Larry Holmes, he did take time from his own self exile to speak with Bill Gallo about his fighting future.

Dismissing the rumors that he had taken the money and run, Cooney told Gallo, "I'm going back (to training) when I'm ready to go back. When it's right for me, not because people are pushing me to go back."

Cooney admitted that fights had been talked about, but he didn't feel he was ready for them. He has begun conditioning himself at a hometown gym in Huntington, New York without the supervision of long-time trainer Victor Valle. Once again he is interested in fighting.

But he still seems to be in a funk over his loss to Holmes. "I'm a better man than he is," said Cooeny. "I really, honestly feel that I could have won that fight. That hurts. It's just a shame I lost that fight, and it makes me sick."

Immediately after the fight, Cooney asked Valle to get Holmes for him again. But then came the silence and the apologies.

I wrote this conversation in my Sunday column of the New York *Daily News* the week of the Sanchez fight and wound it up by saying that Gerry was depressed but was planning to get back to train on a (then) proposed fight against John Tate. The assumption could not have been further from the truth, as it turned out. On that very night and the night after, the gossip columns had Gerry whooping it up at the local New York discos.

The thing that surprises Valle most about Cooney is that, according to Victor, "He always told me how much he loved boxing and loved the training and getting up for a bout . . ."

Valle and Cooney did have that father-and-son type of relationship. Or so it seemed. And his managers, Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones, also boasted a good rapport with—or is that Rappaport—Gerry.

Certainly, if a fighter and his managers and trainers get along it should help the fighter's cause. But not all camps have been a happy ship called Harmony.

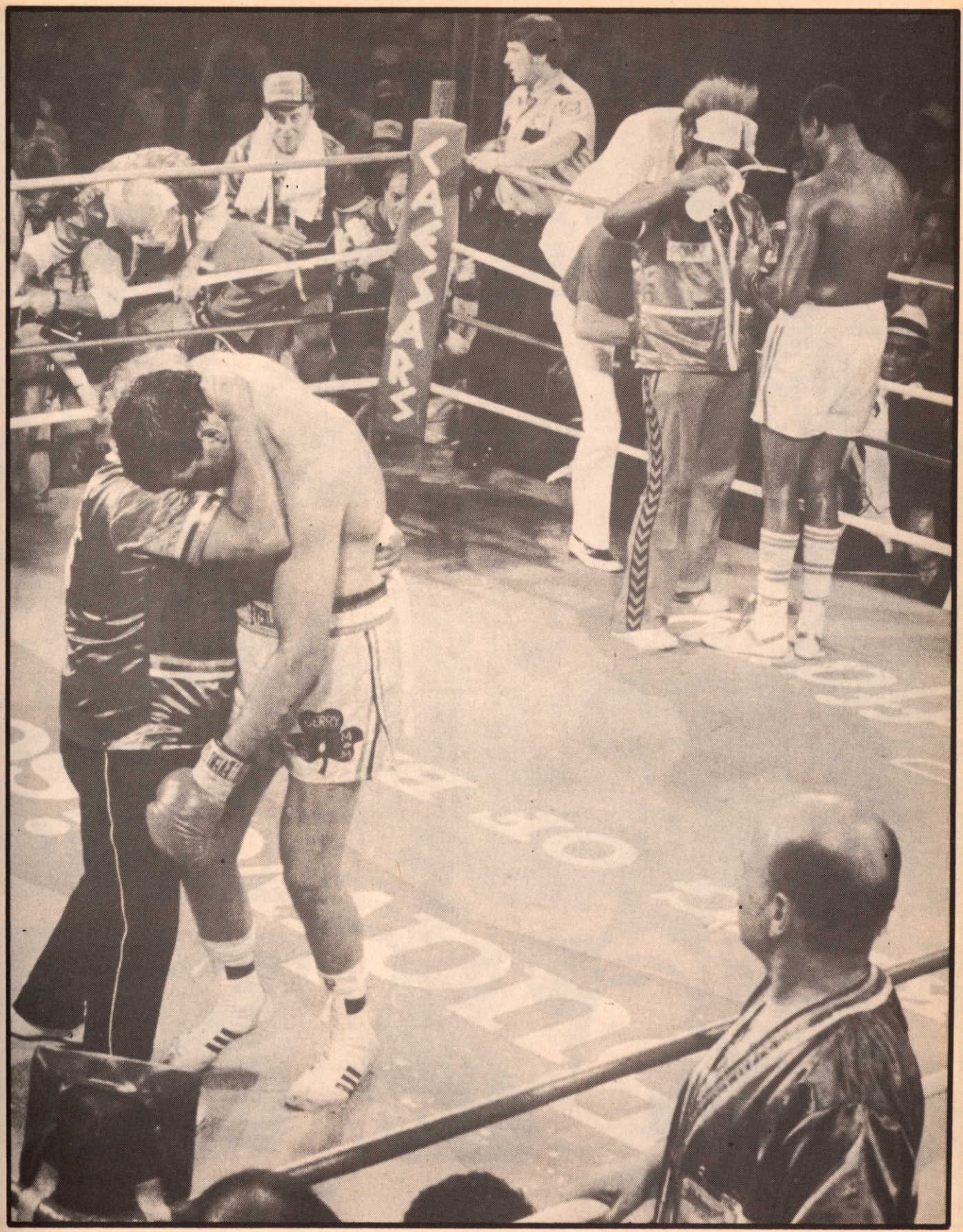
Rocky Marciano, for instance, fought constantly with his manager (and trainer, Charlie Goldman) and, by his own admission, there was no love lost between them, especially between himself and Al Weill. But when the Rock retired in 1956, he said, "The more I look back, the more grateful I am that I fell into the good care of Al Weill. Suppose I had the misfortune to put myself under the management of men who threw their glove into the pit for all comers? And, suppose I never met up with such a smart boxing guy as little Charlie Goldman?"

Ray Arcel, called by many in boxing "the best handler of fighters of all time," had a good working relationship with Robert Duran, one that lasted nine years and once said of his charge, "He could've been a son of mine, I knew him so well."

In spite of the way Arcel knew the once great lightweight (and welterweight) champion, no one was more perplexed than Arcel on the night of the 'No mas' debacle. "Who knows what happened to him that night?" Arcel puzzled aloud. "How can anyone say what is in a fighter's mind?"

Valle, a man who had previously thought he knew his fighter is puzzled just as Arcel was puzzled. Although Cooney's surprise sabatical from the gym does not quite rate as high on the shocker scale as Duran's 8th round exit, it is still curious why a guy with punching talent and a future should lose all incentive.

Therein lies the puzzle. And the tragedy of the man . . .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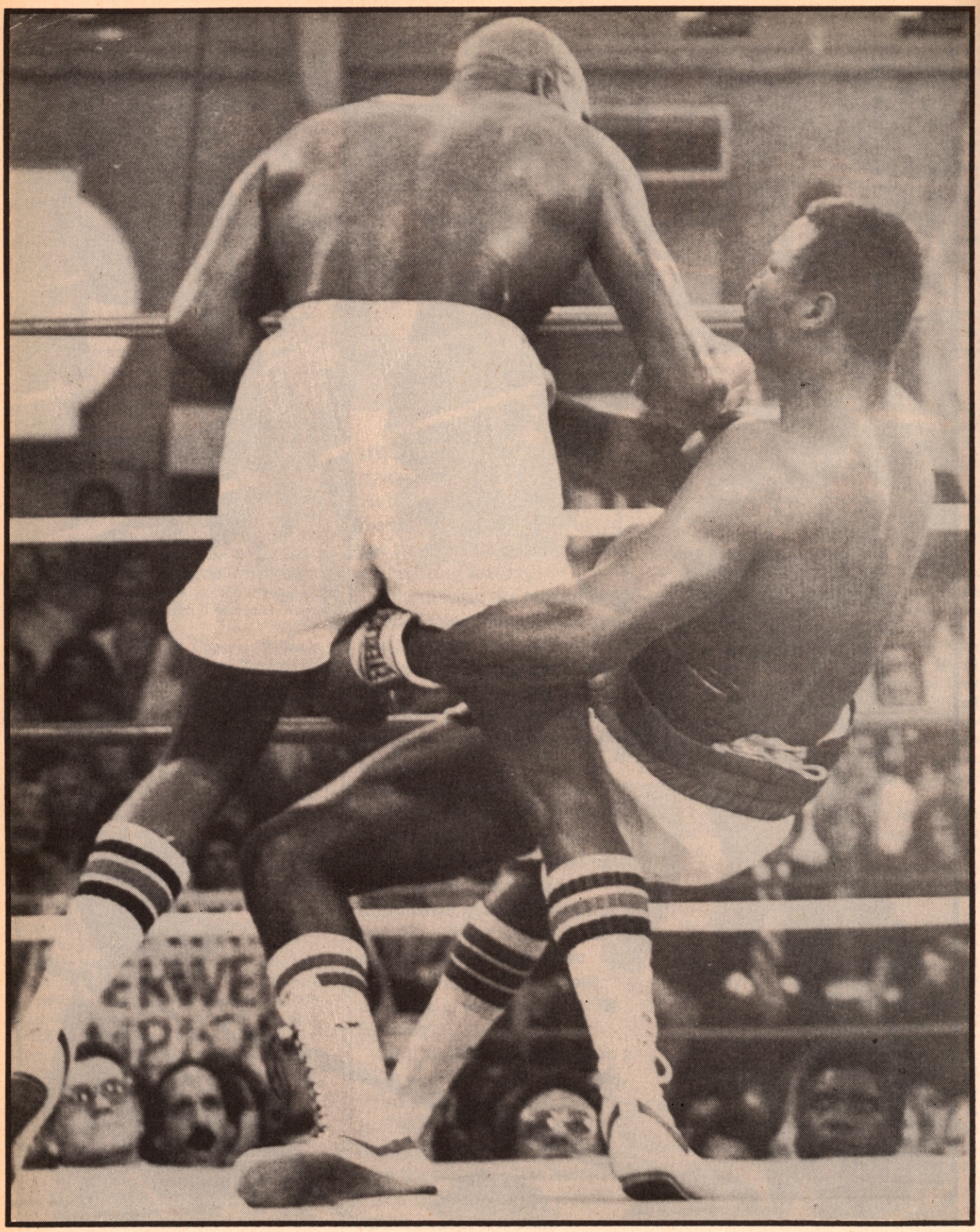
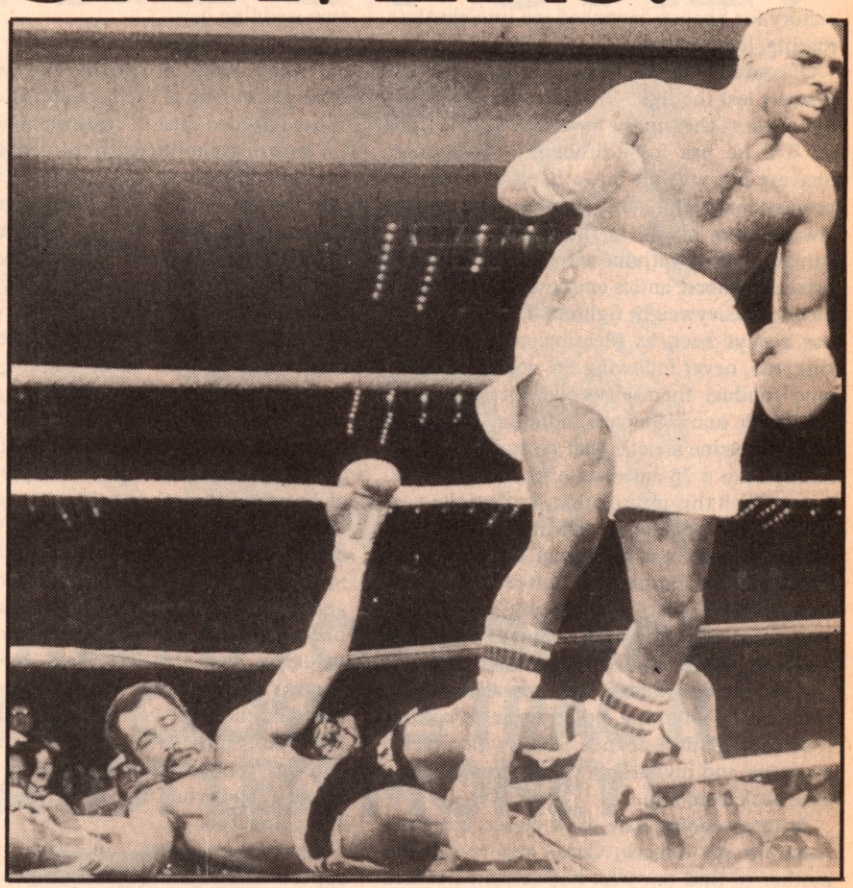


I HAVE always thought that when a man gets married he should surround himself, on that most important day, with people who have had a positive, joyful impact on his life. So when my wife-to-be and I were planning our marriage last year, we sent out invitations to close relatives and friends—and to heavyweight boxer Earnie Shavers and his wife.

BY P. N. EHRMANN

EARNIE SHAVERS: THE MAN WHO WAS ASKED TO DINNER



EARNIE SHAVERS AND I ARE STRANGERS, but he has affected me more genuinely than any other fighter since I was introduced to James J. Braddock at age 12. Since then the sport of boxing became my consuming pastime. Certainly no other fighter ever moved me as did Shavers on September 28, 1979, when, as I later wrote to a friend, "for one brief moment . . . I knew total joy." In the seventh round of Earnie's fight for the championship against Larry Holmes, Shavers unloaded a right cross that toppled Larry and I leaped up from my chair as if I had put across the punch myself. I was certain Holmes wouldn't get up, and the thrill of a victory for Shavers launched me into absolute roaring, hoarse bliss.

Of course, Holmes *did* get up that night and Shavers lost the fight. It is likewise sadly true that most of the times I have seen Earnie fight on TV he has lost—although, to be sure, Shavers has won all but a handful of his 76 professional fights. But, win or lose, he has always given his all in the ring, a total, galvanizing effort without exhibiting any of the prize showhorse antics employed by too many modern heavyweight fighters. Earnie Shavers has always been as pleasing outside of the ring, too, never following the vogue of boxers who conduct themselves like wrestlers.

I didn't know Shavers' address, but knew from magazine articles that he had moved his family onto a 75-acre estate in Mecca, Ohio. Armed with this information, I called the post office in my hometown of Milwaukee for the zip code there, and then sent off a wedding invitation to Earnie and Laverne Shavers, along with a letter introducing myself and explaining why they were being invited to the wedding of a total stranger. My friends laughed at me, and I didn't really expect, myself, that anything would come of it. But, if by some remote chance Shavers did receive my letter and invitation, at least I might get a note back from him.

As our wedding date drew closer, a nightly ritual for my fiancee, Carol, was to call her mother to find out who had returned signed reply cards in the self-addressed, stamped envelopes we had provided with our invitations. Ten days or so after I sent the invitation to Mecca, Carol phoned her mom from our dining room while I paged through the newspaper across the table from her. After repeating a litany of relatives' names read over the phone by her mom, Carol suddenly paused, looked at me in a weird manner and told her mother to spell *that* name back for her. Carol repeated the letters read to her and all of a sudden my fantasy of having Earnie Shavers attend my wedding had materialized into an actual possibility.

But not exactly a red-hot one, because the postmark on the envelope in which the confirmation had come was hopelessly blurred. For all I really knew, I was the victim on some anonymous postal worker who thinks people who send incompletely-addressed mail deserve to be taught a lesson. As for the idea of phoning Shavers or writing him another letter, I dismissed it on the ground that opportunities for me to make an ass of myself were plentiful enough without my seeking them out. Better I should just wait and see, I decided.

I took to carrying the mysterious reply card everywhere with me as the wedding day approached, appraising it, and the chances, constantly, always wondering—and finally making Carol wonder—if Earnie Shavers would relegate her to a supporting role on her own wedding day.

If Earnie Shavers did show up, it would call for some kind of special acknowledgment from me worthy of the occasion and the man. What I needed, just in case, was an oration.

I took to grappling with the problem during my daily hour-long runs, a habit I had gotten into five years earlier both to keep myself in shape and to keep alive my longtime fantasy of being like a fighter. I have settled for being like a fighter because about 15 years ago I tried actually being a fighter, and walked out of the ring after a three-round Golden Gloves fight with a sore face, sorer ego and a permanent 0-1 record. But the dream has never died, and when I run every day I remind myself of poor Ad Wolgast, the long-ago lightweight champion who fought some of the most brutal matches in ring history. They took a heavy toll on Ad, too, and before he was even very old, Wolgast was committed to an asylum. There each day he would get up and "train" in a makeshift gym that orderlies had rigged up for him on the grounds. His delusion was that he had another fight coming up with Joe Gans, who, ironically, had died the same year Wolgast won the title, 1910. So, until he finally died, in 1955, Ad Wolgast trained for a fight that would never happen; and when I run, I guess that's what I'm doing, too.

Unable to come up with any more appropriate way to begin a welcoming speech for Earnie Shavers, I decided to tell the truth. I would recount the dismal story of my own failure as a boxer and then explain how, when I knew I didn't have it, I began picking out real fighters who epitomized what I wanted to be in the ring and monitor their careers. Among my favorites, I would say, was Earnie Shavers, who was something really special because he represented not only what I wanted to be inside the ring, but also, with the quiet decency and dignity he exuded in pursuing a career in the most violent and sometimes the most indecent and undignified of sports, what I hoped to be as a man.

Then, I would tell about my wedding invitation to Earnie and his wife, Laverne, and tantalizingly recount, with practiced timing and flourishes, all my anxieties and day,dreams. Then, with our guests properly primed and hushed, I would get that flared-nostrils look that always strikes me whenever I am about to be involved in a moment of what seems like pure grandeur, and I would quietly say how proud I was to introduce . . . Mr. and Mrs. Earnie Shavers!

It would have been a fantastic moment, but, sad to relate, Earnie and Laverne did not show. I knew it the moment I went out to the altar to await my bride, and looked at the glum faces of my four groomsmen, who had preceeded me out and cased the church. Luckily for all of us, our disappointment was only momentary—or at least the tell-tale signs of it were—and the day was memorable anyway, even though I detected small pockets of snickerers throughout the following reception and some loose talk about the gullibility of the groom.

But, perhaps ever gullible, I am not so sure about even that, because just a little while after our wedding I read in the paper that a crop of legal and financial troubles had beswarmed Earnie Shavers right around that time. They would eventually force the Shavers family off their dream property in Mecca, and force Earnie to return to boxing at the age of 37. For all we know, Earnie and Laverne had fully intended to come, until the bottom suddenly dropped out from under them. I will always prefer to think so, and on our first wedding anniversary, as we celebrated with champagne and reminiscences of our day, Carol amazed me by sheepishly admitting, "I really thought they were going to come, too."

Then, she gave me an even bigger jolt by asking to come with me to the closed-circuit telecast of the Holmes-Cooney fight. We arrived at the hall over an hour early, and as we claimed our front-row seats the eighth round of the fight between Earnie Shavers and James Tillis was just beginning. Earnie got a boxing lesson in that round, and for most of the ninth, too. But suddenly there was an overhand right from Shavers, and Tillis did a perfect imitation of Larry Holmes, right down to the part where he gets up at the count of "nine" and hangs on to win the fight.

When the unanimous decision for Tillis was announced the crowd in Vegas—and the both of us in Milwaukee—booed loudly. Sitting at ringside getting ready to call the main event—and obviously unaware that their microphones were already on, co-commentators Howard Cosell and Chris Schenkel couldn't believe what they were hearing, as the crowd's reaction went on for a while. "What are they booing for?," asked Schenkel incredulously, his tone of voice plainly conveying his disgust with his fellow onlookers.

I'm glad we didn't invite him to our wedding. He'd of probably wondered what the hell our moms were crying about.

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RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHT OF THE MONTH

LA PORTE—MIRANDA
WBC Featherweight Title

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Mention the name Miranda to a movie fan and they'll answer Carmen. Mention it to a legal beagel and they'll tell you of the rule of law calling for "someone to read you your rights." And mention it to a boxing fan and they'll mention someone-or-other Miranda who lost to Juan LaPorte for the featherweight title vacated by Salvador Sanchez's tragic death. For all the impression he made, Mario Miranda might as well haved been called Carmen. But for Juan LaPorte, it was his boxing law, to continually read—as well as lead—Miranda (with) his rights that carried the fight. And made him the champion.

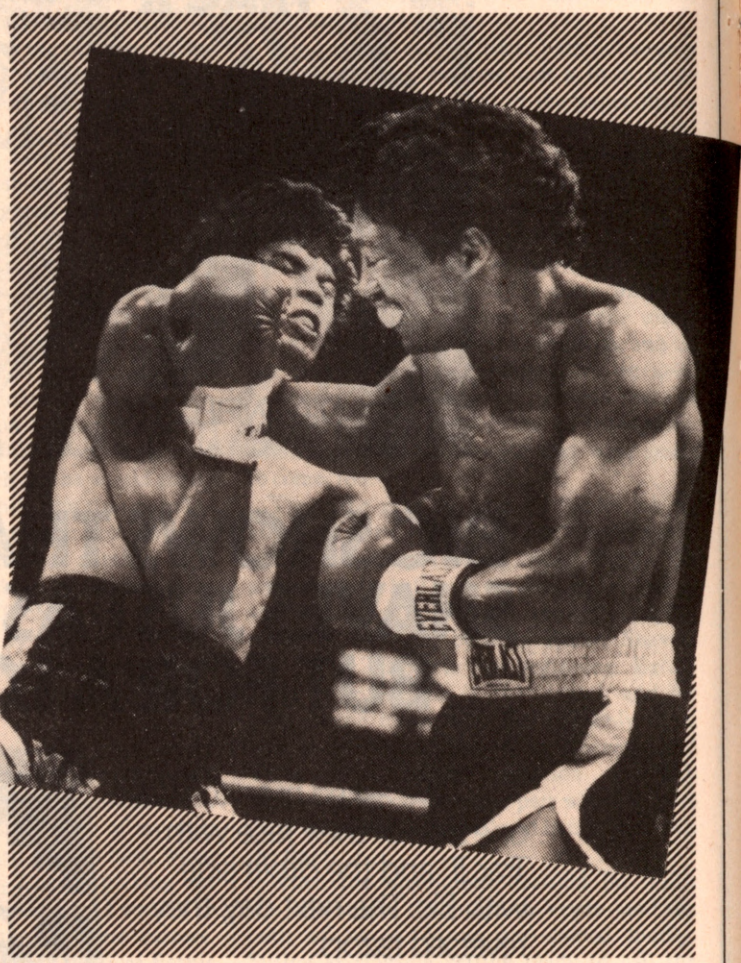
Miranda, so well-known that the American press had inflated his height by four or more inches in response to a report out of his native Colombia, still stood five-nine, four inches more than LaPorte and had a four-and-a-half inch reach advantage. But he manged to squander this advantage by bending over throughout the fight, inviting LaPorte to hit him, which he did, smiting him in his good-looking chops, which were punctuated by a pursing of the lips to give his face the looks of a little boy trying mightily to blow bubble gum.

LaPorte, who, at 22-3 with 13 KO's, had lost his other two challenges to the featherweight crown—once against the late Snachez, the other to WBA champion Eusebio Pedrosa—now had something one thought could only happen in baseball, a third swing. And this time, in front of his roaring fans from the Barrio, LaPorte would have Juan more chance. And take advantage of it.

From the very first round LaPorte went at Miranda, who seemed to lead with his face, his looks admirable, his hands held lower than advisable. Time and again, accepting the open invitation to score with right-hand leads, LaPorte hit Miranda right in his good-looking jaw; so much so, in fact, that you were sure it was *this* Miranda who should be read his rights—LaPorte's rights.

Miranda stood in center-ring, his legs akimbo, his defense akin to the Marginot Line, a perfect imitation of a praying mantis. As LaPorte (pronounced La-por-tay) kept circling his prey, Miranda threw a desultory jab or two in his direction, apparently more involved in his thoughts with what it must be like back in his native Colombia—where he had won all of his previous 20 fights—than in defending himself. With over 1,000 fellow countrymen exhorting his every move, Miranda finally extricated himself from his thoughts long enough to go on the defensive in round six, landing several blows, which looked like an old lady's measured swings at a roaming mosquito, to various parts of LaPorte's anatomy—including that located South of the Border. As referee Octavio Meyran jumped between the two warriors to warn Miranda, an incensed LaPorte, obviously remembering his many slights at the hands of Eusebio Pedrosa, retaliated in kind, swatting Miranda right on his wisp of a goatee. With a right hand, of course. But even if Miranda was taking everything

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



New York-based Puerto Rican Juan LaPorte had had two title tries before—being tossed in over his head against the then vastly more experienced Salvador Sanchez on December 13, 1980 (a unanimous decision loss) and losing another verdict to WBA champion Eusebio Pedroza early this year in a contest marred by the use of "tactics unfamiliar to the Queensberry code" by the champ. After Sanchez's tragic death, LaPorte was paired with Colombia's Mario Miranda for the vacant WBC crown. This time, Juan came home a winner, stopping Miranda at the end of the 10th round and finally earning the much sought over title of "champion"—as well as being named *Ring's* Fighter of the Month.

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

Boxing has never been a morality play. We leave that for westerns—or, at least, they were until the cowboys started kissing more than their horses—and wrestling, where good guys and bad guys lock horns in mortal combat with the hero, more often than not garbed in white or red, coming back from all manner of adversity to do in the villain.

But boxing remains the last outpost in this ambiguous world where, as Mae West was wont to say, "Goodness has nothing to do with it." Take the case of Juan LaPorte. When he fought Eusebio Pedrosa for the WBA Featherweight Championship he was foulded as much as he was hit. Unfortunately for Juan they didn't tend to cancel each other out and Pedrosa was adjudicated to be the winner by the three worthies at ringside. His manager, Howie Albert, challenged the official verdict in the courts and got the State of New Jersey, where the fight took place, and a smattering of others to go along with his contention that LaPorte really won. However, this did not change the fact that Pedrosa had won the fight. At least on the day it took place. And in the ring, not to be confused with the courts. After the tragic death of WBC titlist Salvador Sanchez, LaPorte again fought for the feather-weight title, or, at least, that portion of it that sides with the WBC. And, in this fight, he beat Mario Miranda. Or, judging from the way he fought, maybe it was Carmen Miranda.

Anyhow, morality aside, Pedrosa did beat LaPorte by decision, squarely even if unfairly. And by assuming the WBC half-crown LaPorte brings into play one of The Ring's first rules in determining a world's champion: When the two rival associations' half-champions have met in the ring with the title at stake, the winner is held to be the world's champion. It was our formula for deciding the Lightweight titlist, Watt having beaten O'Grady, and the Heavyweight Champ, Holmes having beaten Weaver, and would be applied again.

Therefore, beginning with this month's Ratings, The Ring recognizes Eusebio Pedrosa as the Featherweight Champion. BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

RING RATINGS 40 YEARS AGO

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.

1. Bob Pastor, Saratoga, N.Y.
2. Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Melio Bettina, Beacon, N.Y.
4. Tami Mauriello, New York, N.Y.
5. Pat Valentino, San Francisco, Calif.
6. Roscoe Toles, Detroit, Mich.
7. Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Lee Savold, Paterson, N.J.
9. Harry Bobo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
10. Arturo Godoy, Santiago, Chile

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sammy Angott, Philadelphia, Pa.

1. Allie Stolz, Newark, N.J.
2. Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pa.
3. Chester Rico, New York, N.Y.
4. Willie Joyce, Chicago, Ill.
5. Juan Zurita, Mexico City, Mexico
6. Leo Rodak, Chicago, Illinois
7. Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N.J.
8. Cleo Shans, Brawley, Calif.
9. Maxie Shapiro, New York, N.Y.
10. Bobby Ruffin, Bridgeport, Conn.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N.J.

1. Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio
2. Anton Christoforidis, Greece
3. Ken Overlin, Decatur, Illinois
4. Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Calif.
5. Billy Soose, Farrell, Pa.
6. Alabama Kid, Concord, Ga.
7. Booker Beckwith, Chicago, Ill.
8. Freddie Mills. England
9. Johnny Colan, New York, N.Y.
10. Jack Coggins, San Diego, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Lulu Costantino, New York, N.Y.
2. Mike Raffa, Weirton, Pa.
3. Sal Bartolo, Boston, Mass.
4. Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
5. Pedro Hernandez, Puerto Rico
6. Benny Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.
7. Harry Jeffra, Baltimore, Md.
8. Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
9. Vince Dell 'Orto, Philadelphia, Pa.
10. Davey Crawford, New York, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana

1. Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio
2. Georgie Abrams, New York, N.Y.
3. Ernie Vigh, Carteret, N.J.
4. Tony Martin, Milwaukee, Wisc.
5. Coley Welch, Portland, Me.
6. Fred Apostoli, San Francisco, Calif.
7. Nate Bolden, Chicago, Illinois
8. Kid Tunero, Cuba
9. Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich.
10. Jose Basora, Puerto Rico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Manuel Ortiz, Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Lou Salica, Brooklyn, New York
2. Kui Kong Young, Hawaii
3. Rush Dalma, Philippines
4. Jim Brady, Dundee, Scotland
5. Peter Kane, Lancaster, Eng.
6. Ham Wiloby, Trinidad
7. Kid Zefine, Panama
8. Mario Morales, Havana, Cuba
9. Mickey Carr, Australia
10. Tony Olivera, San Francisco, Calif.

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Freddie (Red) Cochrane, Elizabeth, N.J.

1. Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
2. Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Marty Servo, Schenectady, N.Y.
4. Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5. Cocoa Kid, Puerto Rico
6. Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.
7. Henry Armstrong, St. Louis, Mo.
8. Danny Kapilow, Bronx, N.Y.
9. Tony Motisi, Chicago, Ill.
10. Freddie Archer, Newark, N.J.

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Title Vacant

1. Jackie Paterson, Scotland
2. Joe Curran, England
3. Little Dado, Philippines
4. Sammy Reynolds, England
5. Frankie Bonser, England
6. Humberto Espinoza, Cuba
7. Paddy Ryan, Lancaster, Eng.
8. Small Montana, Philippines
9. Lupe Cordoza, Sacramento, Calif.
10. Luis Castillo, Cuba

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	LARRY HOLMES**	Easton, Pa.
1	**Michael Dokes**	Akron, Ohio
2	**Mike Weaver***	Los Angeles, Calif.
3	**Trevor Berbick**	Halifax, Canada
4	**Greg Page**	Louisville, Ky.
5	**Gerrie Coetzee**	South Africa
6	**Gerry Cooney**	Huntington, N.Y.
7	**Pinklon Thomas**	Philadelphia, Pa.
8	**Randall (Tex) Cobb**	Philadelphia, Pa.
9	**Tim Witherspoon**	Philadelphia, Pa.
10	**Renaldo Snipes**	Yonkers, N.Y.

11. James Tillis, 12. John Tate, 13. S.T. Gordon, 14. Leon Spinks, 15. Bernardo Mercado, 16. Larry Frazier

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	DWIGHT BRAXTON**	Camden, N.J.
1	**Michael Spinks***	St. Louis, Mo.
2	**Eddie Mustafa Muhammad**	Brooklyn, N.Y.
3	**Matthew Saad Muhammad**	Phila., Pa.
4	**S.T. Gordon**	Las Vegas, Nev.
5	**Eddie Davis**	Freeport, N.Y.
6	**Jerry Celestine**	New Orleans, La.
7	**John Davis**	Hempstead, N.Y.
8	**James Scott**	Rahway, N.J.
9	**Carlos DeLeon**	Puerto Rico
10	**Lotte Mwale**	Zambia

11. Marvin Johnson, 12. Bashiru Ali, 13. John Odhiambo, 14. Oscar Rivadeneyra, 15. Niva Tofaeoni, 16. Willie Edwards, 17. Young Joe Louis, 18. Vonzell Johnson, 19. Jerry Martin, 20. Jose Flores, 21. Willie Shannon

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	MARVIN HAGLER	Brockton, Mass.
1	**Tony Sibson**	England
2	**Frank Fletcher**	Philadelphia, Pa.
3	**Mustafa Hamsho**	Syria
4	**Dwight Davison**	Detroit, Mich.
5	**Fulgencio Obelmejias**	Venezuela
6	**Thomas Hearns**	Detroit, Mich.
7	**Ray Seales**	Tacoma, Wash.
8	**James Green**	Irvington, N.J.
9	**Wilford Scypion**	Port Arthur, Texas
10	**Bobby Czyz**	Wanaque, N.J.

11. Bernard Mays, 12. James Kinchen, 13. Vinnie Curto, 14. Mark Holmes, 15. Ronnie Harris, 16. Ted Sanders, 17. Alex Ramos, 18. Robbie Sims, 19. Curtis Parker, 20, Ernie Singletary, 21. Tony Ayala, Jr.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1	**Wilfred Benitez****	Puerto Rico
2	**Thomas Hearns**	Detroit, Mich.
3	**Tony Ayala, Jr.**	San Antonio, Tex.
4	**Davey Moore***	New York, N.Y.
5	**Carlos Herrera**	Argentina
6	**Ayub Kalule**	Uganda
7	**Gary Guiden**	Muncie, Ind.
8	**Clint Jackson**	Nashville, Tenn.
9	**James Green**	Irvington, N.J.
10	**Mike McCallum**	New York

11. Charlie Weir, 12. Herol Graham, 13. Luigi Minchillo, 14. Kirkland Laing, 15. Roberto Duran, 16. Carlos Santos, 17. Walter Gomez, 18. Buster Drayton, 19. Tadashi Mihara, 20. Mario Maldonado, 21. Rocky Fratto, 22. Tony Braxton, 23. Bruce Johnson, 24. Rocky Mattioli

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	RAY LEONARD	Palmer Park, Md.
1	**Milton McCrory**	Detroit, Mich.
2	**Donald Curry**	Ft. Worth, Texas
3	**Roger Stafford**	Philadelphia, Pa.
4	**Pipino Cuevas**	Mexico
5	**Marlon Starling**	Hartford, Conn.
6	**Kevin Howard**	Philadelphia, Pa.
7	**Colin Jones**	England
8	**Bobby Joe Young**	Steubenville, Ohio
9	**Mauricio Bravo**	Venezuela
10	**Randy Shields**	N. Hollywood, Cal.

11. Elio Diaz, 12. Pete Ranzany, 13. Hans Henrik Paim, 14. Mark Harris, 15. Robert Sawyer, 16. Luis Primera, 17. Kirkland Laing, 18. Sean O'Grady, 19. Chung-Jae Hwang, 20. Akio Kameda, 21. Pablo Baez, 22. Jo Kimpuani, 23. Harold Volbrecht, 24. Jun-Sok Hwang

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	AARON PRYOR*	Cincinnati, Ohio
1	**Leroy Haley****	Las Vegas, Nevada
2	**Saoul Mamby**	New York, N.Y.
3	**Johnny Bumphus**	Clementon, N.J.
4	**Steve Hearon**	Houston, Texas
5	**Ronnie Shields**	Port Arthur, Texas
6	**Sang-Hyun Kim**	Korea
7	**Guillermo Fernandez**	Venezuela
8	**Ubaldo Sacco**	Argentina
9	**Billy Costello**	Kingston, N.Y.
10	**Willie Rodriguez**	Allentown, Pa.

11. Bruce Curry, 12. Adriano Marrero, 13. Dujuan Johnson, 14. Monroe Brooks, 15. Jo Kimpuani, 16. Juan Jose Gimenez, 17. Antonio Cervantes, 18. Clint McKenzie, 19. Patrizio Oliva, 20. Miguel Montilla, 21. Steve Early, 22. Billy Parks,

How **The Ring** International Ratings Panel works: Boxing authorities from all six major continents have submitted their ballots—marked from one to ten to indicate their rankings under **The Ring**'s champion—to reflect their evaluation of the relative challengers' positions as of September 22, 1982. Their ballots were then weighted with scores of from ten (for a first-place vote) to one (for a tenth-place vote) and totaled up to provide the final standings. After the top ten were tabulated, those other fighters receiving votes were then listed in order, according to the number of votes received, from 11th on.

(AS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1982)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	ALEXIS ARGUELLO**	Nicaragua
1	**Aaron Pryor**	Cincinnati, Ohio
2	**Ray Mancini***	Youngstown, Ohio
3	**Edwin Rosario**	Puerto Rico
4	**Howard Davis, Jr.**	Glen Cove, N.Y.
5	**Andy Ganigan**	Honolulu, Ha.
6	**Ruben Munoz.**	Odessa, Texas
7	**Gonzalo Montellano**	Bakersfield, Calif.
8	**Hilmer Kenty**	Detroit, Mich.
9	**Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez**	Mexico
10	**Claude Noel**	Trinidad

11. Art Frias, 12. Roberto Elizondo, 13. James Busceme, 14. John Montes, 15. Orlando Romero, 16. Jose Luis Ramirez, 17. Greg Coverson, 18. Ernesto Espana, 19. Davey Armstrong, 20. Barry Michael, 21. (Tie) Cocoa Sanchez, Ray Cattouse, Edwin Viruet

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	SAMUEL SERRANO*	Puerto Rico
1	**Cornelius Boza-Edwards**	England
2	**Edwin Rosario**	Puerto Rico
3	**Rafael (Bazooka) Limon****	Mexico
4	**Hector Camacho**	New York, N.Y.
5	**Rolando Navarrete**	Honolulu, Ha.
6	**Bobby Chacon**	Pacoima, Calif.
7	**Johnny De La Rosa**	Miami, Fla.
8	**Chung Il-Choi**	Korea
9	**John Verderosa**	Staten Island, N.Y.
10	**Ildelfonso Bethelmy**	Venezuela

11. Carlos Pinango, 12. Jorge Alvarado, 13. Il-Bok Lee, 14. Enrique Maxwell, 15. Benedicto Villablanca, 16. Mario Vizcaya, 17. Roger Mayweather, 18. Frankie Baltazar, 19. Leonardo Moreno, 20. Alfredo Paiva, 21. Reinaldo Hidalgo,

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	Eusebio Pedroza*	Panama
1	**Juan LaPorte**	New York, N.Y.
2	**Wilfredo Gomez**	Puerto Rico
3	**Rocky Lockridge**	Paterson, N.J.
4	**Ruben Castillo**	Bakersfield, Calif.
5	**Jose Caba**	Dominican Republic
6	**Mario Miranda**	Colombia
7	**Pat Cowdell**	England
8	**Paul Ferrari**	Australia
9	**Azumah Nelson**	Ghana
10	**Jackie Beard**	Detroit, Mich.

11. Marcos Villasana, 12. Reyes Gonzalez, 13. Bernard Taylor, 14. Irving Mitchell, 15. Tony Santana, 16. Augustin Martinez, 17. Bernabe Montanez, 18. Rocky Garcia, 19. Pajaro Marquez, 20. Hwan-Kil Yuh

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	WILFREDO GOMEZ**	Puerto Rico
1	**Leo Cruz***	Dominican Republic
2	**Jaime Garza**	Los Angeles, Calif.
3	**Mike Ayala**	New York, N.Y.
4	**Sergio Palma**	Argentina
5	**Lupe Pintor**	Mexico
6	**Ricardo Cardona**	Colombia
7	**Roberto Rubaldino**	Mexico
8	**Juan (Kid) Meza**	Los Angeles, Calif.
9	**Soon-Hyun Chung**	Korea
10	**Felipe Orozco**	Colombia

11. Carmelo Negron, 12. Oscar Muniz, 13. Salvatore Melluzo, 14. Antonio de la Paz, 15. Julio Saba, 16. Vilchit Muangroi-Et, 17. Joaquin Acuna, 18. Jorge Lujan, 19. Bernabe Montanez, 20. Nicky Perez

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

	JEFF CHANDLER*	Philadelphia, Pa.
1	**Lupe Pintor****	Mexico
2	**Chul-Ho Kim**	Korea
3	**Albert Davila**	Los Angeles, Calif.
4	**Oscar Muniz**	Los Angeles, Calif.
5	**Edgar Roman**	Caracas, Venezuela
6	**Eijiro Murata**	Japan
7	**Kiko Bejines**	Mexico
8	**Jiro Watanabe**	Japan
9	**Freddie Jackson**	Houston, Texas
10	**Johnny Carter**	Philadelphia, Pa.

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5	**Tadashi Tomori**	Japan
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7	**Antonio Avelar**	Mexico
8	**Hwan Jin Kim**	Korea
9	**Juan Herrera**	Mexico
10	**Jung-Koo Chang**	Korea

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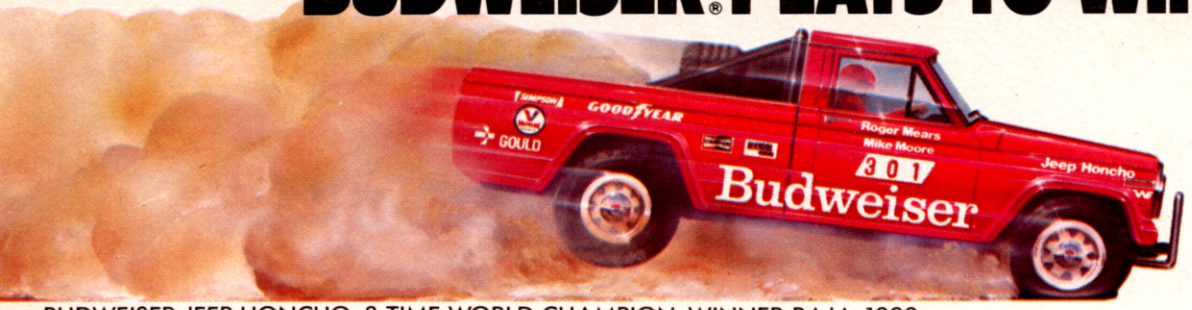

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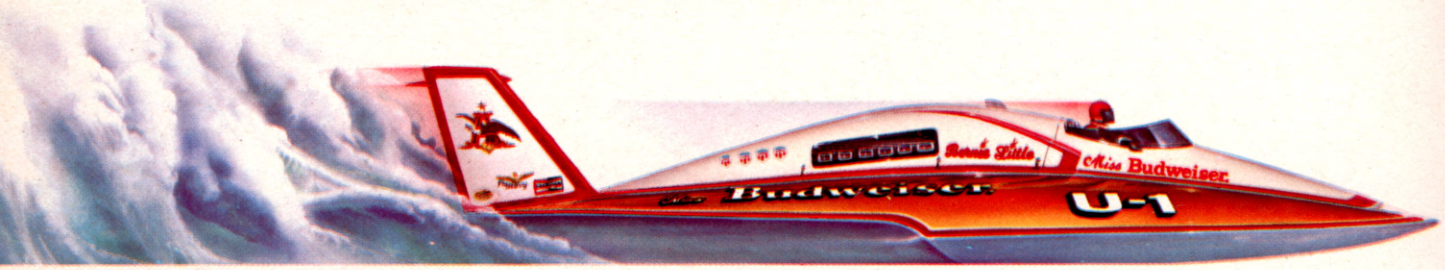

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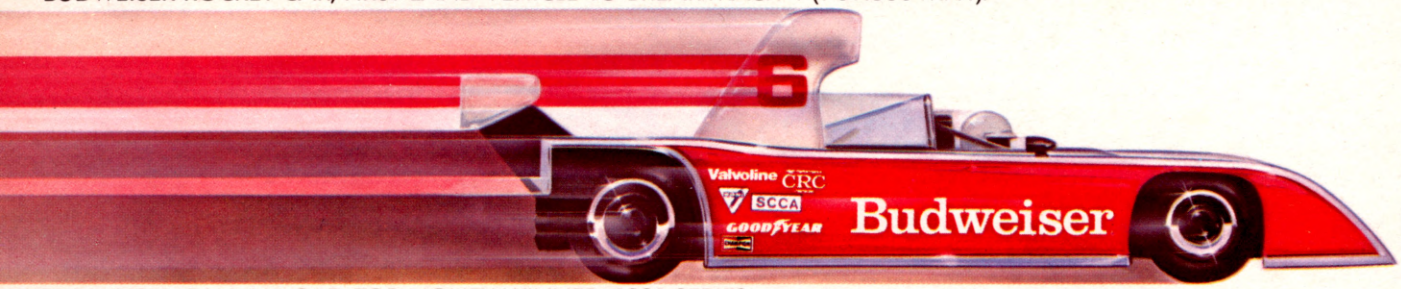

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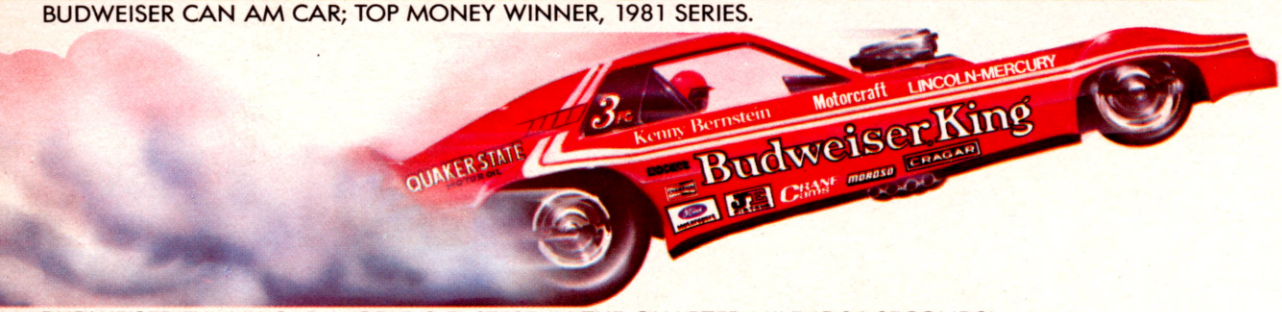

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LaPorte was throwing with his right, referee Meyran was taking none of it, and promptly took a round away from LaPorte.

That was the last—and only—round won by Miranda. Starting with the seventh, LaPorte, who had almost refused to press his advantage earlier, went after the Colombian, rocking him time and again. Mostly with rights over a low-held left. At the start of the eighth, LaPorte dislodged Miranda's mouthpiece. And, in the 10th, he dislodged Miranda's mouthpiece from his mouth and his feet from the floor as well with a well-placed left to the ribs and a right, right on the button. Miranda reluctantly raised his black-and-gold lame trunks, adorned with a Colombian gold hand, off the canvas and wearily went back to face LaPorte, who now scented the kill. And the title.

At the bell signaling the end of the 10th, a spent Miranda made his way back to his corner, his face a mess, his chances less. Somewhere in that Tower of Babel known as Miranda's corner, someone—we're not sure who, but suspect it was Miranda himself—decided enough was *basta*, and quit.

And so it was that Juan LaPorte, in his third try, became featherweight champion of the world. At least that part of it spelled "WBC."

There were five 10-round bouts.

Paul DeVorce, 124, Yonkers, New York, stopped Derrik Holmes, 126, Washington, D.C., who did not come out for the fourth round. DeVorce is now 18-0 with 10 kayoes. Holmes, who should consider retirement, is 18-3-1 with 10 knockouts. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Freddie (Pebble) Jackson, 118, Houston, Texas, TKO'd Juan Veloz, 117½, New York, a southpaw, at 2:41 of the fourth. Jackson is now 21-2 with 15 knockouts. Veloz is 21-3. Vincent Rainone, referee. Veloz is originally from Chihuahua, Mexico.

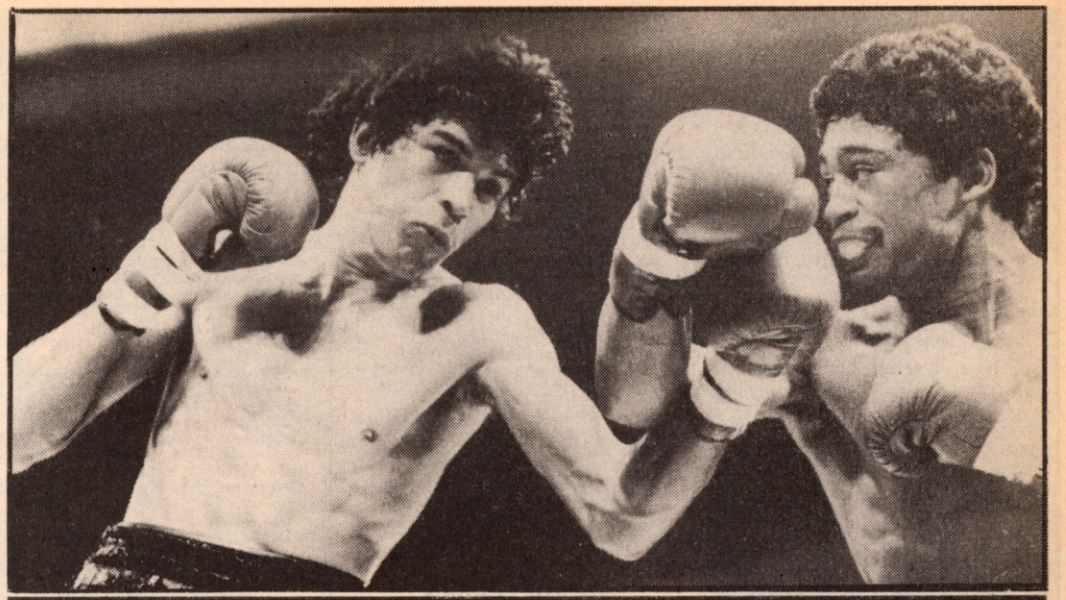
Jackie Beard, 129½, Detroit, TKO'd Ruben Moreno, 128, Los Angeles, at 2:42 of the sixth round. Beard is now 15-1 with 12 kayoes. Moreno is 12-8. Arthur Mercante, referee.

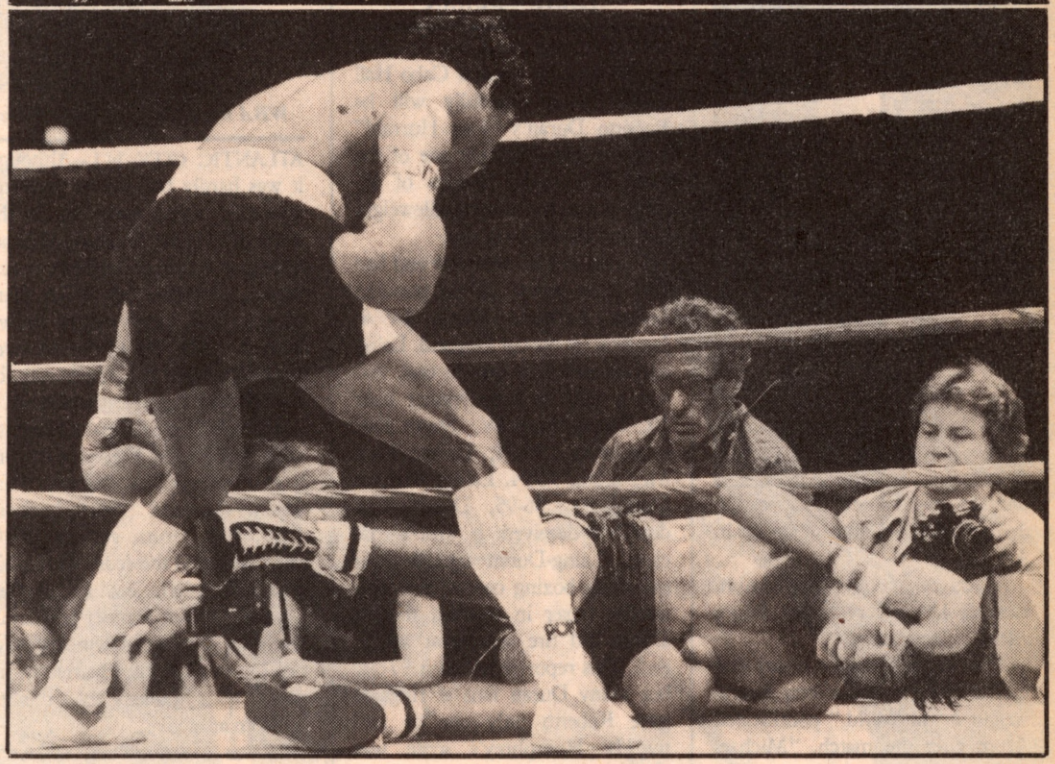
Jean Mugabi, 155½, Uganda (now based in London, England), stopped Steve Williams, also 155½, Chicago, a southpaw, at the end of four. Mugabi is now 14-0—all knockouts. Williams is 10-6 with five kayoes. Billy Graham, referee.

Sergio Alvarez, 135½, Medellin, Colombia, a southpaw, halted Tano Correa, 136½, Mexico City, at the end of seven. Correa was down once in the third round, twice more in round seven. Alvarez is now 17-1. Correa, a stablemate of the late Salvador Sanchez, is 29-3 with 25 kayoes. Arthur Mercante, referee.

Jose Ramos, 142, Orlando, P.R. (now fighting out of New York), knocked out Wyatt Rosa, 143½, New York, in 0:57 of the first round of a scheduled four with a left hook to the head. Ramos is now 1-0-1. Rosa is 0-1-1. Billy Graham, referee.

Vince Costello, 132, Brooklyn, New York, won a unanimous decision over Jose (Cheo) Ortiz, 130½, New York, four. Costello is now 9-0. Billy Graham, referee.





Bernie Friedkin and Harold Lederman were the prelim judges.

Octavio Meyran refereed LaPorte-Miranda.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Matchmaker—Bobby Goodman.

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(09-15-82)

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

COETZEE—WARD

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—After twice failing to win the WBA heavyweight crown in his South African homeland (against John Tate and Mike Weaver), Gerrie Coetzee figured that, if he couldn't beat the Yanks, he might as well join them.

To this end, Coetzee relocated his family to Brigantine, New Jersey, and launched one last drive for the title as an American-based fighter. If his first outing since the switch is any indication, the move should prove very beneficial. Gerrie dispatched Californian Stan Ward in an almost perfunctory manner, scoring an easy TKO at 2:10 of the second round in a scheduled 10 televised live over ESPN from the Sands Hotel Casino.

Coetzee, 221½, went right after Ward, 231, at the sound of the first bell, showing little respect as he thundered forward, looking for an opening for his "Bionic" right hand. A solid right rocked Ward in the first; a portent of things to come.

Ward, who was shown sporting a perm on the fight poster, entered the ring with a shaven skull and proceeded to fight like Samson after Delilah clipped his locks. Stan has gotten a lot of mileage—and paydays—out of an early career win over Weaver, but now looks like a man rapidly coming to the end of

his rope. Against Coetzee, he showed absolutely nothing.

Midway into the second, Coetzee pressured Ward into the ropes and delivered a hammer-like right to the side of the head. Stan sagged dramatically and Gerrie quickly followed with two more rights and a left hook before referee Vincent Rainone rushed between them and called a halt.

Although some felt that Rainone should have given Ward a chance to recover, Stan had his hands hanging down at his side at the end and could very well have been seriously hurt if Coetzee had been permitted to land a few more bombs.

"I was nervous," reported the happy winner. "It was a crossroads

fight for me. I knew if I lost that there would be no future for me in America."

If you can believe Bob Arum, Coetzee has a very bright future ahead of him, indeed.

"It is no exaggeration to say that Gerrie Coetzee is the best heavyweight in the world," pontificated Arum after the match. "Michael Dokes would be duck soup for Gerrie. I will stake everything on it."

Promotional propaganda aside, Coetzee could very well work his way into a third title shot. Winning it, however, is another proposition altogether. The victory pushed his record to 28-3, with 16 stoppages, but it still reamins to be seen if Stateside training is the answer to the stamina problems that have hampered Gerrie in the past.

In the main support, James (Bonecrusher) Smith, 230, Fayetteville, N.C., upset previously unbeaten Chris McDonald, 213, Brockton, Mass., via majority decision over eight. Judge Frank Brunette scored it 4-4, but was overruled by referee Rudy Battle and judge John Stewart, who both went for Smith by scores of 5-2-1 and 5-3, respectively. Smith, making only his fifth pro start, is now 4-1 with two kayoes. McDonald slipped to 8-1-1, eight keyoes.

Undefeated Billy Collins, 150, Nashville, Tenn., squeezed past Harold Brasier, 146½, South Bend, Indiana, with a six-round majority decision. Referee, Vincent Rainone.

Dorian Melamed, 192½, Pomona, New York, scored a unanimous decision over John Cox, 180, Chicago, four. Referee, Rudy Battle.

Terrance Ali, 134½, Brooklyn, scored a unanimous, but close, decision over Junior Velez, 138½, Jersey City, six. Referee, Rudy Battle.

Angel Del Villar, 211½, New York, KO'd Artie Artwell, 201, Chester, Pa., at 2:15 of the first. Del Villar, the 1982 New York City G.G. champ, finished the awkward Artwell with a single right to the chops. Referee, Vincent Rainone.

Ricky Jefferson, 155¼, Middledtown, N.J., and Hardy Jones, 152½, South Bend, opened the card with a four-round draw. Referee, Vincent Rainone.

Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.

Attendance—800.

(09-11-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

LAING—DURAN

DETROIT, MICH.—Close to 3,500 people were on hand at Cobo Hall to see what hopefully will be Roberto Duran's "Last Hurrah!" Roberto was definitely one of the great lightweight champs of all-time, but as a junior middleweight . . . that's something else.

Duran, at 155, was slow and had very little power in his punches against Kirkland Laing, 149¼, Jamaica, by way of England. Laing outpunched him two to one, and was a split decision winner after 10. The scoring: Dr. Stuart Kirschenbaum, 96-94, Laing; Nate McKalpin, 96-94, Laing; Bernard Humphrey, 96-95, Duran. But don't be deceived; it wasn't that close. Laing-Duran was a light punching boxing contest that saw neither boxer in trouble, though Duran did tire somewhat at the end. This reporter scored it 97-94, but many Duran fans at ringside gave Roberto only one or two rounds. Humphrey's score was loudly booed when read.

Laing, now 24-3-1, received little recognition when he entered the ring, but exited to heavy applause. Mickey Duff said that Laing can fight as a junior middleweight, but is a natural welter and would like ot fight Milton McCrory next. Emanuel Stewart smiled and siad it sounded great. The fight might last two rounds.

Duran has now lost three of his last five fights. Let's hope he chooses to retire.

The undercard was primarily made up of Kronk fighters dominating their opposition.

Michigan State junior middleweight champion David Braxton, 154¾, Detroit, TKO'd Miguel Hernandez, 152¼, New York, at 2:03 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Braxton is now 21-1.

Duane Thomas, 158½, Detroit, knocked out Jesse Abrahms, 155¾, Des Moines, Iowa, with two rights in 2:04 of the second in their scheduled 10. Big "D" is now 18-1.

Jimmy Paul, 137, Kronk's very impressive lightweight, halted Tyrone Lee, 134, Des Moines, at 2:59 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Paul is now 14-0 with 13 knockouts.

Hurley Snead, 118, Detroit, stopped Victor (Pollo) Arguello, 123, San Antonio, Texas, with two right uppercuts in 2:59 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Lionell Johnson, 133, Detroit, outscored Nate Stewart, 135, Chicago, eight. Lionell is now 8-0-1.

Tony Anthony, 217, the "Fighting Schoolteacher," the newest addition to the Kronk team, won a shutout unanimous decision over Curtis Isaac, 204, Grand Rapids, six. Tony is now 11-1. Isaac is 7-2.

John Johnson, Lionell's brother, 136½, Detroit, won a majority decision over Carl Williams, 132¼, Kansas City, four. John is now 2-0. He fights for Carl King.

Prelim referees—Eddie Yew, Harry Papacharalambous.

Bob Watson refereed Laing-Duran.

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(09-04-82)

DAVE HARTOON

M. SPINKS—J. DAVIS
WBA Light Heavyweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Although it was hardly the sort of performance that would strike fear in the heart of Dwight Braxton, Michael Spinks took care of business, nevertheless, defending his WBA share of the light heavyweight crown with a ninth round TKO over John Davis and paving the way for a unification fight early next year.

The challenger's main claim to fame was the fact that he is the only man to ever beat Braxton. That was a six-round prelim back in 1978. In a return go, the WBC champ evened the score with a 10-round decision, but not before Davis gave him another stiff argument. A subsequent win over Yaqui Lopez made the championship match with Spinks viable, though far from attractive.

It was a scrambling, awkward kind of a fight, with Spinks getting off to his customary slow start. Davis' battle plan was to bolt from the starting gate and try and catch Spinks napping. Unfortunately for John, he is not much of a puncher, and the clean shots he landed during the opening skrimishes carried little weight.

Davis, 173½, Hempstead, L.I., landed a few quick lefts and rights in the first that brought chants of "Johnny," "Johnny" from his surprisingly large contingent of supporters. Before the round was over, however, Michael landed a right to the head that caused Davis to dip at the knees.

"I figured he would come out and try to hit me with something early because, as the old saying goes, 'If you don't get me early, you don't get me,' " said Spinks. "He never really hurt me, but he did hit me with some good shots."

The remainder of Davis' stratgegy was to stay close to Spinks and smother him with one clinch after another. This was probably the most prudent procedure available to the challenger, but it made for an ungainly fight and certainly bothered the champion who is far from a graceful stylist, himself.

"He was frustrating me," allowed Spinks after the fight. "He was holding pretty tight, but he fought a very smart fight. If I was in his position, I would have fought the same way."

Spinks, 172¾, was obviously in a hurry to get things over with. He missed frequently, lunging off balance and then twisting his face in chagrin as Davis tied him up.

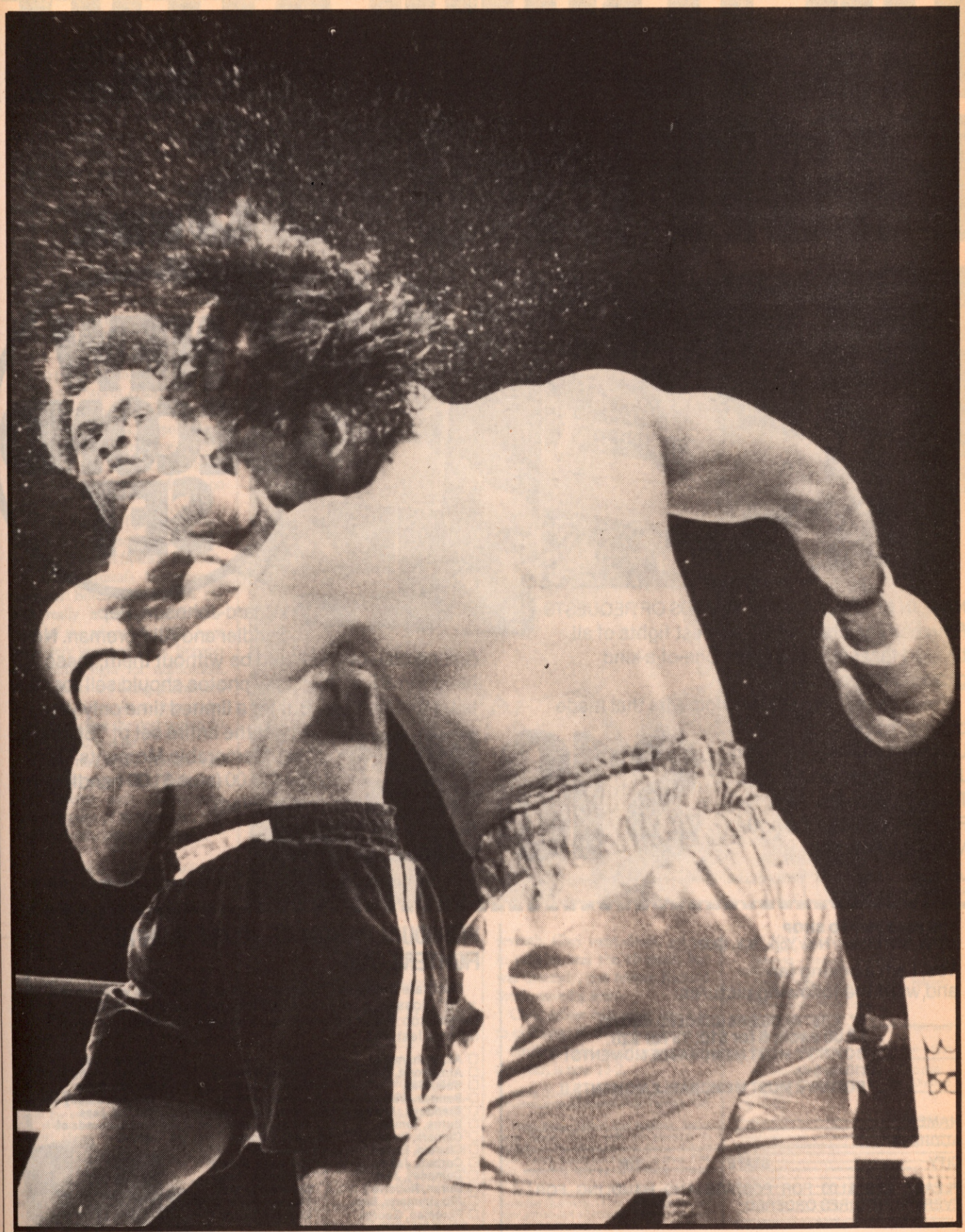
"I felt energetic," explained Mike. "I was a little overanxious sometimes jumping to throw punches and missing."

As the match progressed past the third round, Spinks' overall superiority began to assert itself. Little by little, he was chopping Davis down, scoring alternately with hooks, jabs, uppercuts, and a few "Spinks Jinks" mixed in for good measure.

A left hook near the end of the fourth started a flurry that left Davis on unsteady legs at the bell. For some unfathomable reason, John raised his arms as he returned to his stool. Perhaps he felt that surviving such an onslaught was a moral victory, at least.

The challenger was starting to look a bit the worse for wear by the fifth. The corner of his left eye had been trickling claret since the third and a bothersome cut under his lip was also leaking. It was only a matter of time now, but Davis delayed the inevitable with courage and constant clinching. You had to admire his attitude, if not his art.

Spinks continued to dish out punishment in the sixth and seventh. He was often ragged in his approach, showing dissatisfaction with his inability to shake free from the octopus-like clutches of his



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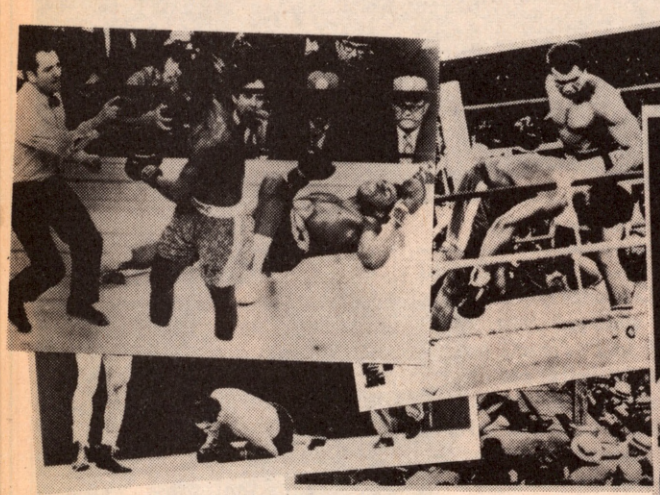

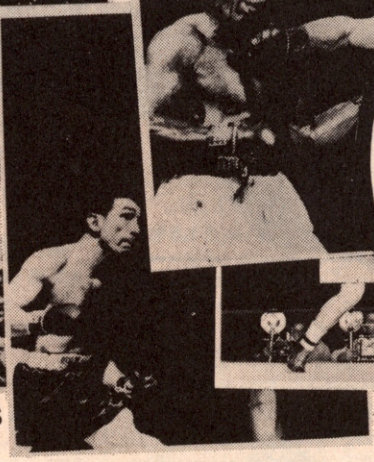

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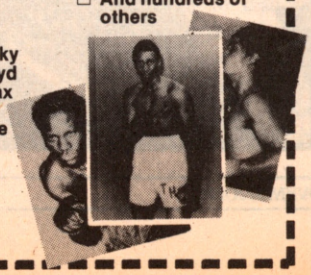

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opponent. He finally solved the problem in the eighth, rudely shouldering Davis into position and delivering a flush right to the chin. John crashed down on the seat of his trunks, scrambled up at five, and was granted a brief stay of execution when the bell interrupted Mike's assault.

Spinks finished the job the next round, wobbling Davis with a left hook and then opening up with a volley of blows that culminated in as full-shouldered right that bounched John off the turnbuckle. Referee Larry Hazzard immediately jumped in and terminated matters at 2:27 before another punch could be launched. There was no protest from the loser.

"He was world champ when I went in and he's still the world champ," said Davis. "I gave it my best. My plan was to come out early and win, but I failed. That's the way the cookie crumbles. I have no squawk."

Before the post-fight press conference degenerated into three-way hysterics between Spinks, Braxton, and Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, promoter Butch Lewis made the only really important announcement of the afternoon: "We have tentatively arranged for a Braxton and Spinks fight for unification. Both fighters are being guaranteed $3.1 million against a percentage. We look to close the deal within 30 days. The thing is on."

In the meantime, Spinks and Braxton are expected to make one more defense each. Considering the sorry state of the division, this could be a relatively safe scheme.

In the top prelim, undefeated Tony (TNT) Tubbs, 222, Cincinnati, scored a meaningless TKO over hapless Steve Zouski, 204½, Brockton, Mass., at the end of the fourth. A total mismatch. Referee, Rudy Battle.

Three-time challenger for the light heavy title, Jerry (The Bull) Martin, 177¾, Phila., got back on the winning track with a TKO over Rick Jester, 173¾, Detroit, at 1:27 of the seventh. Martin was forced to survive a knockdown in the second, blasting back to score two knockdowns before being called off by referee Joe Cortez. A real war.

Elio Diaz, 151, Venezuela, TKO'd Vittorio Dattillo, 147½, Miami, at 1:25 of the second in another pointless mismatch. Referee, Joe Cortez.

In other prelims, Leon Taylor, 175, Brooklyn, TKO'd lefty Bernard McClean, 176, Brooklyn, with one dynamite right hand at 2:18 of the sixth. James Shuler, 160½, Phila., KO'd Dario DeAsa, 161, Miami, in 0:55 of the second. Marvin Shuler, 154¾, Phila., drew over six brisk rounds with Stacy McSwain, 154¾, Raleigh, N.C. Earl Grant, 162¼, Pittsburgh, scored a unanimous decision over game Dean Moore, 160, Raleigh, N.C., four.

Scoring after eight in the title bout was as follows: judge Frank Cappuccino, 6-1-1; judge Vincent Rainone, 6-2; and judge Paul Cavaliere, 6-1-1, all for Spinks.

The main event was televised live from the Copa Room of the Sands Hotel Casino over ABC-TV's Wide World of Sports.

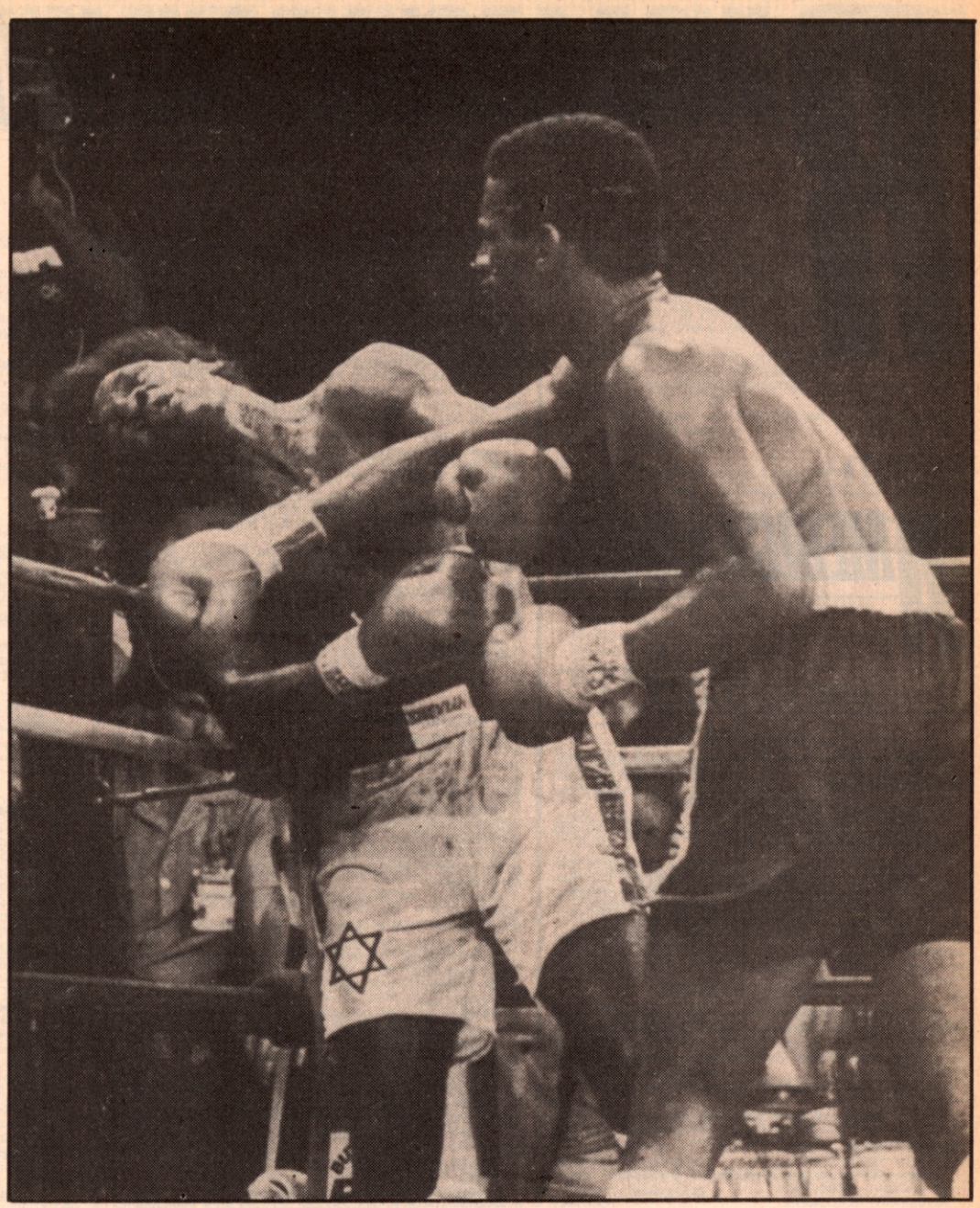
Preliminary judges—Eva Shain, John Stewart and Harold Lederman.

Promoter—Butch Lewis Productions, Inc.

Attendance—850 (SRO).

(09-18-82)

NIGEL COLLINS



LIMON—CHOI
WBC Junior Lightweight Title

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—WBC junior lightweight champion Rafael (Bazooka) Limon, 129, lost the first six rounds to aggressive challenger Chung-Il Choi, 130, Korea, but roared back to stop his man with two quick punches in the seventh. Choi went down, got up in time to beat the 10-count, but was unsteady, and referee Richard Steele waved it over.

Choi, whose only other loss was to ex-champ Rolando Navarrete in a thrilling fight in Manila earlier this year, is now 13-2.

Mario Chavez, 122, Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over Hugo Partidia, 126, 10.

Pablo Baez, 148½, Los Angeles, TKO'd Siosi Tanoa, 151½, with two seconds remaining in the 10th and final round. A hard fight. Tanoa would have gotten a draw if he had won that last session. Rudy Ortega, referee.

Albert Davila, 120, Pomona, Calif., and Sylvester Guerrero, 117¾, Los Angeles, had their scheduled 10-rounder declared a tech draw in the second.

Sal Mayerson, 131, and Ricardo Lopez, 128½, drew, six.

Referees—Richard Steele, Chuck Hassett, Rudy Ortega.

Judge—Rudy Ortega, Chuck Hassett, Dick Young, Richard Steele.

Timekeeper—Ernie Snow.

Announcer—Jimmy Lennon.

Ringside Physicians—Dr. Bernard Schwartz, Dr. Michael DeLuca.

Azteca Promotions. Matchmaker—Don Chargin.

Attendance—36,000. Gross—$130,000.

This card was held at the Olympic Auditorium.

(09-18-82)

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▲ **TUSCALOOSA—Jaycee Fairground Arena—**Mike (Tuscaloosa Kid) Hutchinson, 153, remained unbeaten (11-0, six kayoes) with a knockout over Walter Ivory, 149, Memphis, in the third round of the scheduled 10-round main event.

Hutchinson, 23, will probably fight once more before an October spot in the Southern Boxing Council fournament in Nashville on ESPN.

Ivory, now 10-4-2, showed signs of being a good fighter, but was overwhelmed. The book was that he would give the "Tuscaloosa Kid" all he wanted for five or six rounds before tiring. We never got to find out. Ivory was 139-19 as an amateur, and fought twice for the U.S. in international competition.

Gil Miranda, 148, Arkansas won a split six-round decision over Russell Nation, Birmingham, six. It was a good action fight all the way, with Nation showing the effects of his 1½-year ring hiatus. Miranda now claims a 11-3 mark, while Nation fell to 9-4-1.

Tommy Rogers, Meridian, Miss., raised his record to 13-3 when Lester Groves, Arkansas, refused to continue after the first round of their scheduled six. Groves claimed the effects of a low blow early in the round. Lester is now 30-20-4. Both weighed 157.

Kick-boxing exhibitions filled the rest of the card due to last-minute cancellations.

The overflow crowd (about 250 were turned away) marked Tuscaloosa as a future boxing hot-spot if Hutchinson continues his winning ways.

Referee—Henry Brown.
Judges—Jimmy Stewart, Danny Buford, Max Culp.
Timekeeper—Bobby Hart.
Announcer—Bob Owens.
S.and H. Promotions.
Attendance—1150 (est. SRO). Gross—$9000 (est.).
(08-20-82)

THOMAS DEAS, JR.

CALIFORNIA

▲ **VALLEJO—**Once promising middleweight Nate Collins returned to the ring after an eight-year lay-off and, though 34 years old, looked fit and self confident as he sauntered out at the opening bell. A quarter of an hour later, he had the look of a very sick man. Referee Terry Smith pulled Mardo Roybal, 158, Vallejo, away from Collins, 160, at 2:41 of the fourth, and there, with trim, handsome Nate sagging on the ropes, ended a foolish dream of a comeback.

Roybal, a Bronze Medalist in the Pan American Games, is now 8-0 with seven knockouts as a pro.

Six-rounders: Mike Parraz, 124½, Sacramento, halted Tony Styles Dias, 124, Los Angeles, at 1:51 of the sixth and final round. Marcel Wade, 136¼, Vallejo, knocked out Don Herring, 138, Concord, in 2:49 of round three. Jimmy Bills, 178½, Vallejo, and Freddie White, 174¼, Concord, drew. Alonso Medina, 126½, Sacramento, and Pedro Zuniga, 126, Fairfield, tech draw in three.
(08-16-82)

▲ **CONCORD—Pavilion—**Bashiru Ali, 195½, Oakland, won a unanimous decision over Roger Braxton, 218, Los Angeles, 10, by scores of 98-91, 99-93, and 97-92. Ali is preparing for an expected crack at the WBC cruiserweight title. Braxton is now 3-9.

It was not a complete artistic success for the clever, fleet footed Ali. His opponent was just too big and too strong, and the somewhat overweight Ali had to dart in and out with quick combinations. The decision raised his record to 19-7, which hardly seems impressive at first glance. The truth is that Ali was so eager to get his professional license that he exaggerated his background, claiming, or somehow suggesting, an extensive amateur career. Starting four years back in California, he quickly hustled himself into main events against more experienced fighters. With just a year of pro boxing under his belt, Ali took on world ranked Yaqui Lopez and dropped a 10-round decision to bring his record to 5-6, with no kayo wins. Since then, Ali has been 14-1 with seven knockouts and is now a legitimate contender for the crown now held by S.T. Gordon.

"I was a little nervous coming into this fight," Ali said later, "I felt heavy at 195½. The extra weight slowed me down a little, and the floor was soft, so I couldn't move. I got tired. He was laying all over me, every chance he got. He proved a lot better than I thought. He has a stiff jab and a good chin. I tried to move around and get him tired at first, but then I saw I had to get to work and punch more."

Six-rounders: Rahin Muhammad, 198, Long Beach, won a unanimous decision over Johnny Keyes, 201½, San Francisco. Carl Jones, 159, Los Angeles, won a unanimous verdict over Randy Clark, 160. Sonny Anupoto, 145, San Bruno, won a unanimous decision over Dave Marsala, 148½, San Francisco. Leo Simmons, 136, outpointed Happy Jiminez, 134½, San Jose.

Joe Gagliardi Promotions.
Attendance—1,022. Gross—$11,178.

CHRISTOPHER COATS

CONNECTICUT

▲ **BRIDGEPORT—Wonderland of Ice—**"Iron" Mike Sacchetti, 157, Bridgeport, survived a third round butt that opened a cut under his left eye and slugged his way to an eight-round decision over Danny Chapman, 155, Albany. Mike had Danny on the ropes in the last round. Chapman had been penalized for butting Sacchetti again in the fifth.

Mike Costello, 168, Stratford, avenged an amateur career loss by stopping Lerich Harrison, 170, Boston, at 2:33 of the first round in a slated six. Costello, a 1981 National PAL finalist, forced Harrison into the ropes twice, and referee Sam Maltempo saved the stunned and staggering Bostonian from further punishment.

Jose Vega, 144, Bridgeport, outpointed Sam Young, 145, Albany, six.

Ken Butler, 153½, Boston, halted Aubrey Harris, 152, Albany, in round four of a scheduled six.

Juan Camacho, 147, White Plains, outscored Jake Reilly, 146, Albany, four.

Roy Wortham, 138½, Hartford, outpointed Gil McCoy, 139, Mt. Vernon, four.

Officials—Lou Bogash, Sam Maltempo, Bob Muravnick.
Timekeeper—Lou Dell.
Announcer—Martin Clark.
BEL Productions.

Recently crowned USBA welter champion Marlon Starling and yesteryear star Eddie Moore (who handed Lou Brouillard his first loss) attended. A moment of silent prayer was offered for recently deceased Spiro Morris, Bridgeport featherweight, who, with brother Pinky, headlined boxing shows here in the 1940s.

Attendance—275. Gross—$2,175.
(08-06-82)

▲ **NEW HAVEN—Veterans Memorial Coliseum—**John (Dino) Denis, 212, Providence, R.I., successfully defended his New England heavyweight crown by stopping Ken (The Hammer) Schmidt, 199, Hamden, Conn., in the fourth round of a slated 10. A butt in round three opened a cut over Ken's left eye, and, after Denis wided the gash and swelling closed the eyelid, ref Sam Maltempo conferred with Dr. Michael Liebowitz and stopped the bout.

"Irish" Jimmy Finn, 202, Holyoke, Mass., won a split decision over C.J. Vescio, 220, Providence, eight.

Jorge Ruiz, 149, Hamden, and Terry Crawley, 151, Cape Cod, Mass., drew, six.

Wilbur Henderson, 159, Hartford, halted Manny Simms, 158, New York, at 2:27 of the first round in their slated six.

Edwin Curet, 134, Boston, outscored Dick Cuttino, 135, Paterson, N.J., six.

Troy Wortham, 138, Hartford, stopped Jose Rosado, 136, Paterson, at 1:44 of the fourth.

Tyrone Booze, 179, Hartford, outpointed Matt Lawrence, 178, Boston, four.

James Allen, 174, Bridgeport, outscored Harry DeCosey, 178, Paterson, four.

Officials—Sam Maltempo, Matt Mullaney, Bob Muravnick.
Timekeeper—Lou Dell
Ringside Physician—Dr. Michael Liebowitz.
Announcer—Howard Finkel.
Promoter—James Ward, Sundance Enterprises.
Matchmaker—Lou Tallarita.
Attendance—1,853. Gross—$22,820.
(08-13-82)

▲ **WEST HARTFORD—Agora Ballroom—**Marcus Jackson, 174, Hartford, outscored Larry Davis, 172, Plainfield, N.J., eight.

Luis Vargas, 151, Hartford, stopped Pedro Rosario, 153, Hartford, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Ray Agar, 124, Hartford, won a majority decision over Santiago Coriano, 122, Springfield, Mass., six.

Earl McNeil, 158, Hartford, and Jesus Munoz, 156, Hartford, drew, four.

Miguel Rosa, 158, Holyoke, Mass., won a majority decision over Elliott Williams, 155, Hartford.

Officials—Lou Bogash, Sam Maltempo, Bob Muravnick.
Timekeeper—Jack LaSalle.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Michael Liebowitz.
Announcer—Lou Dell.
Promoter—John Mazzarella/Sports Promotions.
Matchmaker—Vincent Datro.
Attendance—449. Gross—$3,490.
(08-17-82)

JOSEPH CASSANO

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

▲ **WASHINGTON—**Three six-rounders headlined.

Darryll Tyson, 135½, Washington, TKO'd Wayne Anderson, 131, Charlottsville, Va., in the fifth round.

Jerome Butler, 159, Washington, made his pro debut by outpointing Robert Jackson, 154, Richmond, Va.

Gregory W. Davis, 135½, Landover, Md., knocked out Roland Thermidor, 132, Washington, in the second.

David Todt, 160¼, Hillcrest, Md., outscored Alonzo Cutkins, 165, Charlottsville, in the lone four-rounder. This was Todt's pro debut.

Referees—Joe Bunsa, Milton Greene, Sylvester Stevens.
Judges—Earl Collins, Norvel Lee.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. Ed. Mosley, Dr. Clinton Hoffler.
Promoter—Pappy Gault.
(09-03-82)

FLORIDA

▲ **TAMPA—Curtis Hixon Hall—**Leroy Hester, 167, Miami, TKO'd Havis Little, 166, South Carolina, at 1:18 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder. Little was floored once in the first round and once more in the second before referee Harry Van Linder called a halt. Hester is now 9-0 with eight kayoes.

Danny Sanchez, 137½, Miami, made the biggest hit of the night as he pounded out a convincing win over Clay Davis, 138, Jacksonville, in an eight-rounder that had the fans on the edge of their seats throughout.

Leonardo Roque, 120½, Pahokee, won a split decision over Keith Jackson, 124, Miami, six.

David Abella, 139, Tampa, outpointed Manny Vega, 140½, Orlando, six.

Tony Velasco, 228½, Tampa, outscored Mickey Burrell, 200½, Coral Gables, six. Velasco is now 5-0.

Don Shiver, 156½, Tampa, made his pro debut by winning an upset unanimous decision over Pee Wee Boger, 158½, South Carolina, four.

Steve Bearden, 158½, Tampa, kayoed Adrian Lester, 156, Orlando, in 2:04 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Randy Cole, 136, Miami, won a unanimous verdict over Rod Jackson, also 136, Tampa, four.

Phil Alessi Promotions.
Matchmaker—Ken Rosenberg.
Attendance—1,081.
(08-05-82)

▲ **FT. LAUDERDALE—War Memorial Auditorium—**In a twin feature, Mutt Daniels and Bill Medei, who had recently fought a torrid draw, both came out winners in eight-rounders.

Medei, 159, Miami, won every round—with every round hard fought—as his opponent, Rocky Stevens, 163, Jacksonville, stood toe-to-toe throughout.

Daniels, 163, Fernandina Beach, won an easy slow moving bout over Costello King, 164, Ft. Lauderdale, causing the fans to hoot and howl for more action, to no avail.

Juan Arroyo, 138, Miami scored the hit of the card with a TKO over veteran Dale Bendross, 140, Miami, who couldn't come out for the fourth round of their scheduled six. Arroyo is just 17, undefeated, and looks destined for bigger things.

Greg Sorrentino, 180½, Ft. Lauderdale, outscored Jonny Evans, 177, Miami, six. Sorrentino, the former New York State heavyweight champ, is now campaigning as a light heavy.

Jack Johnson, 192, Hollywood, kayoed Nate Robinson, 200, Miami, in 2:21 of the second round in a scheduled four. A right uppercut stretched the favored Robinson out cold. It was Johnson's third straight knockout.

Kenny Snow, 155½, Miami, outpointed Jeff Nelson, 156½, Miami, four.

Luis DeJesus, 136, Belle Glade, won a split decision over Randy Cole, also 136, Wichita, Kansas, four. Great match.

"Smitty," 115, West Palm Beach, TKO'd Gene Thomas, 123, Port au Prince, at 1:20 of the second in their scheduled four.

West Vickers, 163, Wichita, Kansas, TKO'd Eddie Byrd, 166½, Miami, at 2:12 of the second in their scheduled four-rounder.

Former great lightweight champ Beau Jack was among those introduced at ringside.

Pugilistic Promotions/Hank Kaplan and Ramiro Ortiz.
Attendance—1,420.
(08-11-82)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Convention Hall**—Martin Vargas, 112½, Chile, stepped out at the bell, threw a left and two straight rights to the chin of Texan Luis Jimenez, 113½, and dropped him for the 10-count in 0:32 of the first round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Bill Conners, referee.

Johnny de la Rosa, 130½, survived a first round knockdown and came back to TKO Carlos Amaya, 128½, Chile, at 1:38 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Referee Conners stopped the bout when Amaya took 15 shots without a return. De la Rosa is now 18-0.

Orlando Maldonado, 116, Puerto Rico, won a unanimous decision over Wilfredo Padron, 116¼, Venezuela, 10. Best fight of the night.

Juvenal Ordenes, 127½, Chile, won a unanimous duke over Ruben Herasme, 127, Dominican Republic, 10.

Luis Urraca, 133, Miami, kayoed Luis DeJesus, 132, Miami, in 1:57 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Fernando Martinez, 136½, Miami, TKO'd Eladir Leal, 137, Cuba, at 2:37 of the first round in their scheduled six.

Bill Conners did an iron man job in refereeing the entire card.

Tuto Enterprises/Felix Zabala and Walter Alvarez.
Attendance—1,850.
(08-27-82)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▲ **CHICAGO—Bismarck Hotel**—Lenny LaPaglia, 161, Melrose Park, Illinois, knocked out Gerald Boiner, 162, Cleveland, in 2:38 of the first round in a scheduled 10. This was lenny's sixth consecutive first round finish. He's now 16-0.

Roosevelt Green, 147, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Bob Harvey, 145, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 10. Green, now 20-1, took all but one round on the three official scorecards and landed throughout with rapid fire combinations. Harvey was game and kept on coming, but he was outgunned.

Steffen Tangstad, 211, Chicago, TKO'd Ron Draper, 192, Kansas City, at 0:56 of the seventh in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Six-rounders: Ali Kareem Muhammad, 142, Chicago, TKO'd Cedric Barkley, 139, Cleveland, at 2:33 of the first round. Mike Landini, 152¼, Chicago, eked out a majority decision over Mark French, 155, Milwaukee, to run his record to 11-0. Mike Brothers, 173, Chicago, won a unanimous duke over John Lard, 171½, Davenport, Iowa after climbing off the canvas in the first.

Four-rounders: Khoren Perzigian, 172, Waukegan, Illinois, stopped Claude Alexander, 164, Cincinnati, at 1:39 of round three. David Townsend, 230, Chicago, knocked out Harold Johnson, 201, West Town, Ohio, in 1:11 of the first round. Johnny Trombino, 133, Cicero, Illinois, kayoed Jesse Martin, 129½, Chicago, in 1:53 of the first. Veabro Boykin, 146¼, Chicago, stopped Stan Cooper, 148, Chicago, at 2:10 of the first.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Brian O'Shea.
Judges—Bill Lerch, James DiVito, Collins Brown, Al James.
Time keeper—Kenny Kinsch.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Jorge Tovar.
Announcer—Angelo Buscaglia.
Promoter—Ernest Terrell.
Attendance—1,107.
(08-16-82)

BOB SODERMAN

INDIANA

▲ **EVANSVILLE—Vanderburgh Auditorium**—James Sudberry, 144, Hamilton, Ohio, kayoed Gene Stevens, 147, Louisville, in 2:59 of round two.

Jimmy (Schoolboy) Baker, 180, Scottsburg, Indiana, won by TKO when Steve Wilson, 174, Columbus, Indiana, failed to answer the bell for round three.

Terry Armstrong, 194, Cincinnati, outpointed Dennis Page, 221, Louisville, four. Dennis is Greg Page's brother.

Keith Allen, 192, Louisville, and Dave Slaughter, 196, Cincinnati, drew, four.

Bill (Fireball) Bradley, 155, Indianapolis, stopped Jeff Gettemy, 154, Des Moines, Iowa, at 1:26 of round five.

Gary Stallworth, 132½, Cincinnati, dropped Chico Rodriguez, 133, Columbus, Ohio, three times in round six for an automatic stoppage at 2:20 of the session.

David Martin, 230, Louisville, TKO'd Maine Miller, 219, Chicago, at 2:30 of round four.

Randy Smith, 163, Chicago, TKO'd Robert Underwood, 157, Cincinnati, at 2:18 of the fourth. Bout was stopped due to a cut.

Dave Carter, 170, Cincinnati, outscored Tony Denard, 182, six.

Promoters—Kentuckiana and Pat Barlow.
Attendance—400.
(08-21-82)

▲ **INDIANAPOLIS—Sherwood Club**—Tommie Stevenson, 196, Indianapolis, knocked out Ken Johnson, 194, Middletown, Ohio, in 2:50 of the first round. Stevenson is now 14-3.

Jimmy (Schoolboy) Baker, 170, Scottsburg, Indiana, came from behind to stop Hank Thomas, 168, St. Louis, at 1:30 of round five.

Harold Brazier, 142, Mishawaka, Indiana, won a close decision over Mike Essett, 143½, Indianapolis, four.

Reggie Hatcher, 159, Indianapolis, TKO'd Jeff Farr, also 159, Omaha, at 2:20 of round two.

Billy Smith, 132, Kendallville, Indiana, pushed his record to 5-0 with a verdict over Jerry Rosenberg, 133, Indianapolis, four.

Ken Jackson, 125, Indianapolis, outscored Floyd Buckley, 120, Anderson, Indiana, four. This was Jackson's pro debut.

World ranked junior middleweight Gary (Ice Man) Guiden boxed a three-round exhibition with heavyweight Clyde (Rocky) Mudgett.

Promoters—John Appel, Richard Skinner.
Matchmakers—Pete Susens, Fred Berns.
Attendance—225.
(08-25-82)

▲ **GARY—Genesis Center**—Don Lee, 161, Gary, TKO'd a very game Hollis Shaw, also 161, New Orleans, at 1:18 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Leroy Jones, 275, Denver, stopped Jeff Burg, 215, Dayton, Ohio, with a body shot in 1:55 of the second in their scheduled 10.

George Mostardini, 215, Chicago, kayoed unwilling William Scott, 230, Cincinnati, in 2:14 of the first round in another scheduled 10.

Carlos Tite, 165, Hammond, Indiana, kayoed Mike Hadnot, 160, Cincinnati, in 2:59 of the first.

Harold France, 150½, East Chicago, Indiana, halted Tony Little, 150, Cincinnati, at 1:27 of the second round.

Jeff Fryman, 136, Albany, Kentucky, TKO'd Leonard Hutchins, 133, Cincinnati, at 0:41 of the second.

Jake Torrence, 153, Gary, stopped Gene Cobert, 151½, Cincinnati, at 1:35 of the first.

Promoters—Steel City PAACMA and Pat Barlow.
Attendance—1,150. Gross—$10,052.
(08-26-82)

GARY L. MERRITT

KANSAS

▲ **WICHITA—Cotillion Ballroom**—In the main event, light heavy Charles (Hollywood) Henderson, Kansas City, upped his professional record to 13-1 when he stopped Richard (Ice Man) Salis, Oklahoma City, at 1:55 of the seventh. Henderson dominated the bout all the way. In the fifth, he started going to the body of Salis. This, of course, brought the Ice Man's guard down and, in the seventh, a right to the head followed by a left to the body dropped Salis in a neutral corner for the count. Salis is trained and managed by Kelly Burden, who, as a highly ranked light heavy several years back, boxed under the name of Brian Kelly.

In the walk-out bout, scheduled for six, local Tough Man contest winner Mark Ewertt was stopped in the fourth round by Al (Baby Bull) Rankin, who was making his professional debut. Rankin reportedly had 100+ amateur bouts, and, according to Wichita *Eagle-Beacon* sports writer Bill MacKay, at one time weighed 255. (He made the light heavy limit for this bout.)

Richard Baker, Wichita and Rashad Iziz, Tulsa, boxed to a four round-draw, lightweights. Iziz is the former Joe Washington, trained and managed by Ed Duncan. Darrell (Hit 'em Hard) Hollowell, Kansas City, got off the deck in the second round and won a unanimous decision over Wichita's Frank Merchant, middles. Humberto (Beto) Palacio, Wichita, in his second pro start, looked very good in winning over Ron Smart, Kansas City, feathers, thereby spoiling Smart's pro debut. What was said to be a grudge bout resulted in a split decision win in six rounds for Durlyn (Little Cat) Williams, making his pro start, over Roy Jamerson. Both hail from Wichita and are middleweights.

The judges were Johnson, Lesser, and Fairchild. Gene Havner and Vern Miller shared the refereeing duties, while Dr. David Givner was the physician in attendance. The Fraternal Order of Police sponsored the card in conjunction with co-promoters Greg Friend and Anthony Martinez. The Kansas Athletic Commission is affiliated with the World Boxing Association.
(08-12-82)

TOM FOLEY

LOUISIANA

▲ **MARRERO**—Joe Hawkins, 140, Jackson, Miss., easily outscored Harrison Kiger, 142, Marrero, in the eight-round main event.

Dave Rutledge, 150, Marrero, outpointed Robert Lee, 144, Mississippi, six.

Four-rounders: Tom Rogers, 156, Jackson, Miss., TKO'd Curtis Williams, 157, Lafitte, La., in the fourth and final session. Aubry Taylor, 168, Harvey, La., knocked out Glenn Borchers, 170, Bridge City, La., in the second. Sonny Breaux, 142, Marrero, kayoed Hal Vinet, 140, Lafitte, in the first.

Referees—Giarusso, Joseph, Dutrix Jaubert.
Timekeeper—Joe Rando.
Ringside Physician—Dr. A. Italiano.
Announcer—Peter Compagno.
West Side Boxing Club.
(08-05-82)

▲ **HOUMA**—Bill Sharkey, 192, Lafayette, La., knocked out Tom Landry, 186, Beaumont, Texas, in the third round of their scheduled 10-round main event.

Tony Orville, 180, Port Athur, Texas, kayoed Graylin Branston, 177, Houma, in the third round of a scheduled eight.

Raymond White, 186, Gulfport, Miss., knocked out Marcus Dorsey, 180, Port Arthur, in the first round of their scheduled eight. Dorsey sustained a broken jaw.

Reggie Dixon, 136, Port Arthur, outscored Elton Davis, 139, New Orleans, six. Davis, who was making his pro debut, needs to learn to pace.

Ricky Billiot, 134, Houma, kayoed Glenn Warren, 132, Port Arthur, in the first round of a scheduled four.

Referees—Tim Prejean, Randall Bertrand, E. Brown.
Timekeeper—Frank Otts.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Allen Johnson.
Announcer—Bill Besson.
Dub Bullock Boxing Club.
(08-11-82)

▲ **NEW ORLEANS**—Jerry Celestine, 172, New Orleans, TKO'd Felton Woods, 179, Bay City, Michigan, in the seventh round of the scheduled 10-round main event.

Melvin Paul, 133, New Orleans, outscored James Martinez, also 133, Houston, Texas, 10.

Jerome Clouden, 170, Louisiana, knocked out Bill Brigham, 169, Texas, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10.

Richard Lord, 131, Texas, kayoed Sonny Breaux, 133, Louisiana, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Referees—Docusen, Jaubert, Giarusso, Cojoe.
Judges—Joseph, Dutrieux.
Timekeeper—Fiore, Fluery.
Ringside Physician—Dr. A. Italiano.
Announcer—Peter Clark.
Bonano Sports & Entertainment, Inc.
(08-13-82)

▲ **LAFAYETTE**—Walter Santemore, 225, New Orleans, outpointed Earnie Shavers, 212, Warren, Ohio, 10.

Maurice (Termite) Watkins, 144, Houston, Texas, TKO'd Bruce (The Mouse) Strauss, 148, Omaha, Nebraska, in round three of their scheduled 10.

Richard Savage, 126, Louisiana, TkO'd Charles Flores, also 126, Texas, in the eighth and final round.

Bill Sharley, 196, Louisiana, TKO'd John Touitou, 195, Nebraska, in the second round of their scheduled eight.

Chubby Johnson, 142, Louisiana, outscored Danny Molina, 148, Texas, six.

Referees—Bertham, Dutriex, Shreve.
Judges—LeBlanc, Prejean, Brown.
Timekeepers—George LeBlanc, Ned Trahan.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Lee Leonard.
Announcer—Jim Olivier.
Top Pro Boxing, Inc.
(08-17-82)

MASSACHUSETTS

▲ **LYNN—Deja Vu Motel**—Two eight-rounders headlined.

Glen Burnette, 147, Lynn, outpointed Jackie Morrell, also 147, Lowell.

Mark Mainero, 157, East Boston, TKO'd Jose Pagan Rivera, 155, Lowell, in round seven.

Curtis Whitner, 200, Lynn, outpointed Andy Russell, 210, Portland, Maine, six.

Dan Avery, 136, Lynn, outscored Clyde Rodney, 140, New York, six.

Brian Porreca, 147, Medford, Mass., outpointed Dave Dizoglio, 145, Lowell, four.

John Saunders, Lynn, and Ray Rivera, Lowell, drew, four.

Celebrity Boxing Club.
(08-19-82)

▲ **PLYMOUTH—Memorial Auditorium**—Robbie Sims, 161, Brockton, knocked out sub Bruce Thompson, 154, Muncie, Indiana, with a devastating right hook off a jab in 0:50 of the first round in the scheduled 10-round main event.

On hand for the bout was Sims' step brother, world middleweight champion Marvin Hagler. No sooner did Sims starch Thompson when the champ jumped up into the ring and lifted his younger brother high in the air in celebration of his 15th victory (10 kayoes). Robbie's only loss has been to Bobby Czyz.

A second 10 saw Sean Mannion, 147, Ireland and South Boston, pound out a convincing unanimous decision over New England welterweight champion Papo Figueroa, 143, Hartford, Conn. No knockdowns, but the Irish southpaw cut up Figueroa with an arsenal of punishing jabs and left-right combinations. Mannion is now 23-3-1. Figueroa is 22-3-1.

James Lucas, 149, Lowell, won a unanimous decision over Frankie Minigan, 145, Rochester, New York, eight. Lucas is now 7-0.

Reinaldo Oliviera, 175, won a majority decision over Jimmy Allen, 171, Bridgeport, Conn., six, by scores of 59-57, 58-56, and 57-57. Oliviera is a Plymouth cop.

Jose Rivera, 126, Boston, TKO'd Billy McLain, 128, Waterville, Maine, at 2:41 of round three in a scheduled four.

Jose Vera, 146, Bridgeport, outscored Robbie Robinson, 147, New Bedford, Mass., four.

Referees—Clarence Yates, Jordan Picot.
Judges—G. Edward Bradley and Ray Delicio.
Timekeeper—John Fitzgerald.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Rene Barrette.

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
2. Gerry Cooney (New York)
3. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
4. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Pennsylvania)
5. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
6. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
7. James Tillis (Illinois)
8. John Tate (Tennessee)
9. Leon Spinks (Pennsylvania)
10. Larry Frazier (Washington)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jerry Martin (Pennsylvania)
1. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
2. Matthew Saad Muhammad (Pennsylvania)
3. Eddie Davis (New York)
4. Jerry Celestine (Louisiana)
5. John Davis (New York)
6. James Scott (New Jersey)
7. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
8. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
9. Bashiru Ali (California)
10. Willie Edwards

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Dwight Davison (Michigan)
1. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
2. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
3. Ray Seales (Washington)
4. James Green (New Jersey)
5. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
6. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
7. Bernard Mays (Michigan)
8. James Kinchen (California)
9. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
10. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Fratto (New York)
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. Tony Ayala (Texas)
3. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
4. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
5. James Green (New Jersey)
6. Mike McCallum (New York)
7. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
8. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
9. Mario Maldonado (New Jersey)
10. Mark Medal (New Jersey)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Milton McCrory (Michigan)
1. Donald Curry (Texas)
2. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
3. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
4. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
5. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
6. Mark Harris (New Jersey)
7. Robert Sawyer (Washington, D.C.)
8. Randy Shields (California)
9. Sean O'Grady (Oklahoma)
10. Pablo Baez (California)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
1. Saoul Mamby (New York)
2. Steve Hearon (Texas)
3. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
4. Billy Costello (New York)
5. Willie Rodriguez (Pennsylvania)
6. Bruce Curry (Texas)
7. Dujuan Johnson (Michigan)
8. Monroe Brooks (California)
9. Tony Baltazar (California)
10. Jorge Morales (California)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Ruben Munoz (Texas)
3. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
4. Gonzalo Montellano (California)
5. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
6. Art Frias (California)
7. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
8. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
9. James Busceme (Texas)
10. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Verderosa (New York)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Hector Camacho (New York)
3. Rolando Navarrete (Hawaii)
4. Bobby Chacon (California)
5. Johnny De La Rosa (Florida)
6. Frankie Baltazar (California)
7. Tony Santana (New York)
8. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
9. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
10. Louie Loy (Oregon)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ruben Castillo (California)
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
5. Irving Mitchell (California)
6. Bernabe Montanez (Puerto Rico)
7. Paul DeVorce (New York)
8. Mark Davis (California)
9. Rocky Garcia (California)
10. Richard Savala (Michigan)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (New York)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Carmelo Negron (New York)
3. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
4. Oscar Muniz (California)
5. Jose Canizales (Texas)
6. Lenny Valdez (Nevada)
7. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)
8. Jose Lopez (California)
9. Nicky Perez (Arizona)
10. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
4. Richard Sandoval (California)
5. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Harold Petty (Texas)
7. Mario Chavez (California)
8. James Pipps (Texas)
9. George Garcia (California)
10. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Jensen (Nevada)
1. Felix Castillo (Texas)
2. Alonso Gonzales (California)
3. Joey Olivo (California)
4. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
5. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
6. Steve Whetstone (Florida)
7. Henry Brent (New York)
8. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
9. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)
10. Ron Cisneros (Colorado)

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New England PRISM Cable Network.
Attendance—1,000.
(08-20-82)

STEVE CONNOLLY

MISSOURI

▲ **ST. JOSEPH—Civic Arena**—James (The Heat) Kinchen, 161¾, San Diego, won a unanimous decision over Odell Hadley, 159¼, Los Angeles, in a nationally televised (NBC) 10-round contest. Scoring: referee Ken Morris, 99-94; judge John Earlywine, 98-94; judge Bill Eaton, 96-94. Kinchen is now 22-0-1 with 18 kayoes. Hadley is 12-1-1 with nine knockouts.

"Poison" Ivy Brown, 190½, Kansas City, won a split decision over James Williams, 182, Portland, Oregon, 10. Brown is now 28-12 with 15 knockouts. Williams is 22-10-1.

Charles (Hollywood) Henderson, 175, Kansas City, won a unanimous decision over Steve Mormino, also 175, St. Louis, 10. Henderson is now 14-1 with nine knockouts. Mormino is 11-5 with six kayoes. This was for the Missouri State light heavy title.

Holsey Ellingberg, 162, Kansas City, knocked out Chuck McDowell, 159¼, St. Louis, in 2:48 of the third round in a scheduled six. Ellingberg is now 4-0. McDowell is 2-1.

Maxie Heimbaugh, 148, Des Moines, kayoed Harold France, 152, Hammond, Indiana, in 2:10 of the fifth round in their scheduled six. Heimbaugh is now 8-0. France is 3-1.

Darryl Anthony, 146, St. Louis, won a unanimous decision over John Moore, 147, Kansas City, four. Anthony is now 2-1. Moore is 2-1-1.

Referees—Kenny Morris, Jerry Morales.

Judges—Bill Eaton, Wendell Allen, Jack Hurley, John Earlywine.

Timekeepers—Frank Mollus, Tom Sloan.

Ringside Physicians—Dr. Jay McMillen, Dr. Jerod Lancourt.

Announcer—Bob Orf.

Matchmaker—Bobby Goodman.

Coordinator—Payton Sher.

Don King Productions.
(09-05-82)

NEBRASKA

▲ **OMAHA**—Ricky Kellar, 220, Council Bluffs, Iowa, knocked out Jerry (Bounty Hunter) Banks, 226, Omaha, in the third round of a scheduled 10 for the Nebraska-Iowa heavyweight title. Kellar is now 13-2-1.

Lamont Kirkland, 176, Omaha, TKO'd Akbar Abdullah, 185, Minneapolis, in two.

Unusually sharp Lupe Guera, 185, Omaha, flattened Bernie Weller, 198, Minneapolis, in 0:43 of the first round.

Rick Beronick, 165, South Dakota, won a unanimous decision over Ron Ware, 162, Omaha, four.

Teddy Vaughn, 163, Omaha, eked out a split verdict over Darrell Miller, 158, Macy, Nebraska, four.

Highly promising Rafael Valdez, 143, Omaha, stopped Dean Frederick, 142, Omaha, in one.

Hard hitting Rick Kaiser, 145, South Dakota, knocked out Preacher Brown, 150, Minneapolis, in the first round.

Attendance—1,100.

ROBERT J. RUIZ

NEVADA

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Dunes Hotel**—Tyrone Moore, 139¼, Louisville, Kentucky, TKO'd Mark Ibanez, 139¾, Hawaii, at 1:28 of the second in the scheduled 12-round main event.

Anthony Davis, 188¾, Las Vegas, won a split decision over Leroy Caldwell, 190, Las Vegas, 10.

Dana Roston, 129¾, Las Vegas, won a unanimous decision over Rigoberto Coria, 128¼, Los Angeles, eight. Coria suffered a bad cut.

Mike Gans, 242, Las Vegas, won a unanimous decision over Don Farmer, 210, Phoenix, Arizona, six.

Albarado Ramos, 170½, Las Vegas, knocked out Cecil Pettigrew, 173¼, Tulsa, Oklahoma, six.

Best Fight Promotions.
(09-03-82)

▲ **STATELINE—Sahara Tahoe Hotel**—Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez, 187, Stockton, Calif., won a unanimous decision over Roger Braxton, 210, Santa Monica, Calif., 10.

Vinnie Curto, 169, Boston, won a unanimous verdict over Hector Negrete, 172, Tracy, Calif., 10.

Mark Lee, 208, Carson City, Nev., TKO'd Rocky Young (AKA John Williams), 216, Tucson, Ariz., at 2:54 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Nicky Walker, 163, Carson City, TKO'd Tim Felty, 160, Eugene, Oregon, at 1:59 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Pisa Finai, 220, Salt Lake City, Utah, kayoed Tim Cude, 192, Eugene, Oregon, in 1:22 of the second round in a scheduled four.
(09-09-82)

NEW JERSEY

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—Lately, it seems that every time a fight card gets cancelled or otherwise juggled, the TV boys call on James (Hardrock) Green to bail them out. And so far, the diminutive slugger from Irvington, New Jersey has taken full advantage of the situation. In his latest pinch-hitting role, he won a unanimous 10-round decision over Philadelphia's Ernie Singletary when Bobby Czyz, Singletary's original opponent, fell out with a shoulder injury. Earlier this year, Green scored 10-round decisions over Wilford Scypion and Teddy Mann when problems forced the networks to come up with last minute cards to fill air-time.

Green, 156½, wore the rugged Singletary down with hard body shots in a fight that was honestly contested, but far from artistic. There was plenty of mauling and clinching between punches, but "Hardrock" was the busier of the pair and won going away by scores of 5-3-2 and 6-3-1 (twice).

Singletary, 161, has been in with some tough guys the last few years (Alan Minter, Frank Fletcher, and Thomas Hearns, to name a few), and seems to be getting a little shopworn. He tried his best, but Green always stormed back whenever Ernie tagged him with a good shot.

Green, now 15-1, nine kayoes, is part of the Duva stable that also includes Alex Ramos and Czyz. It is Green, however, who has fought the better opposition and deserves a little of the glamour that his more famous team-mates have been receiving.

In another scheduled 10, James Pipps, 119, Vidor, Texas, scored a TKO over Enrique Castro, 116, Los Angeles, at 1:43 of the fifth. This was an excellent battle while it lasted, with both men landing well and often. Pipps took the action to Castro, tossing heavy hooks with both hands. Enrique moved and countered, matching Pipps blow for blow, but his punches lacked the power of Pipps' and he gradually gave way.

This was the second A.C. appearance for Pipps (now 17-0, 16 kayoes) and he has impressed each time. Castro would also be welcome back. He gave a game effort and would give most East Coast bantams a solid workout.

Fred Pendleton, 127¾, Phila., scored an eight-round split decision over Antonio Nieves, 127, Paterson, N.J. Ken Carpenter, 130½, Upper Darby, Pa., kayoed Alfonso Mitchell, 133¼, Phila., with a single right to the head at 1:35 of the fourth. Ramone Santana, 132½, Phil., won a unanimous decision over Xavier Biggs, 147¾, Phila., four. Lamont Haithcoach, 150¼, Irvington, N.J., drew with Aaron (Brickhand) Caldwell, 151½, Washington, D.C., four.

The main event was televised live over NBC-TV.

Referee Tony Perez worked the main event as well as Carpenter-Mitchell and Pipps-Castro. Vince Rainone handled Biggs-Sanatana, Pendleton-Nieves, and Haithcoach-Caldwell.

Judges—Richard F. Murry and Harold Lederman.

Promoter—Main Events.
(08-15-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Rugged Ben Serrano, who has seen his share of close ones go against him, lucked out for a change when his 10-rounder with veteran southpaw Tony Chiaverini was ruled a draw. Referee Joe O'Neill scored the bout for Chiaverini, 5-4-1, but judge Milo Savage went the other way, giving it to Serrano by the same margin. Judge Bill Carrozza saw it 4-4-2, so it goes into the book as a stalemate. The *Ring* had Chiaverini easy, 6-2-2.

Serrano, 156¾, Warminster, Pa., abandoned his usual body attack and went head-hunting instead. This allowed Chiaverini, 158¾, Kansas City, to stay out of trouble and pepper Ben with small-bore combos for most of the fight. Serrano broke through occasionally with a solid right to the head, but Tony always seemed to come up with at least two in reply. There was so much difference of opinion along press row that perhaps a draw was the best verdict after all.

The undercard was undistinguished at best, underlining the pitfalls of trying to build-up white hopes who can't fight.

Phil Capobianco, 188½, Long Island, scored a majority decision over Johnny Pitts, 190, Bridgeton, N.J., six. Referee—Frank Cappuccino.

John Childrey, 165, Phila., won an unpopular majority decision over Earnie Bennett, 162¾, Boston, four. Childrey was down from a right in the third. Referee—O'Neill.

Jim Leiming, 182¼, Howell, N.J., won a unanimous decision over Emmett Harris, 189, Coastesville, Pa., four. Referee—Cappuccino.

Jerry Capobianco (Phil's brother), 174¼, Long Island, scored a unanimous decision over Mike Harris, 174¾, Phila., four. This was voted "Prelim of the Night." Referee—O'Neill.

Promoter—Elbaum-Menas Productions.

Attendance—1,300 (SRO).
(08-17-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Claridge Hotel Casino**—Undefeated Bobby Johnson, 134½, Easton, Pa., recorded a TKO over shopworn Ernie Bing, 136, Atlantic City, at 2:05 of the seventh round. Bing gave Johnson a decent workout, but was rattled in almost every round before referee Zack Clayton rescued him following further punishment in the seventh.

Freddie Reyes, 138¼, Phila., scored a unanimous eight-round decision over Greg Washington, 134½, Elizabeth, N.J., in an entertaining scrap. Washington took the action to Reyes, but Freddie's decided edge in power made the difference. Referee Zack Clayton scored it 5-2-1 for Reyes. Judge Lindsey Tucker agreed with a 4-3-1 margin, and judge Sam Sangis saw it 8-0, a score that didn't do justice to Washington's game effort.

Vincent (The Blade) Christian, 122¾, TKO'd Henry (The General) Lee, 124, Youngstown, Ohio, at 1:50 of the third. Southpaw Christian was way too much for the mismatched Lee, scoring knockdowns in the first, second, and third.

Glen Costales, 136, Atlantic City, TKO'd Tony Butts, 133,

Phila., at 0:54 of the third. Greg Richardson, 114¾, Youngstown, TKO'd Clarence Miller, 114, Phila., at 1:50 of the second.
Promoter—Joe Hand.
Attendance—500 (est.).
(08-23-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—** Indianapolis junior middle Don King got back on the winning track following his upset loss to Ben Serrano with a unanimous 10 round decision over Jonathan O'Hara in a wildly entertaining brawl. Although King, 154½, won with room to spare by scores of 8-1-1, 6-3-1, and 5-2-3, it was O'Hara's extraordinarily game performance that turned the fans on.

O'Hara, 160, Vineland, N.J., took the match on just a few hours' notice when two other opponents fell out for one reason or another. He ran straight into practically every punch King threw, but never stopped coming, lashing out with crude body punches as he charged. Despite absorbing a frightful beating, Jonathan never stopped trying and even had enough energy left to amuse the crowd with a couple of backward flips while the judges added up their score cards.

Simon Brown, 141¾, Washington D.C., scored a TKO over gallant Sergio Bautista, 141½, Santo Domingo, at 2:36 of the seventh round in the semi-final. This was a great little slugfest, with each man getting in his licks. Brown, a very gifted prospect, unloaded combo after combo, but Bautista took his punishment in stride and fired back with gusto. Although some of the fans booed when referee Paul Venti intervened, Sergio was starting to come apart. The bout was voted "Prelim of the Night" and each battler took home an extra $250 for his efforts.

Pablo Rivera, 142¾, New York, scored four knockdowns on his way to a TKO over Derrick Sweeney, 139½, Camden, N.J., in 1:25 of the third.

Fredo Shkrelli, 148½, New York, looked unlucky to only receive a draw in his four-rounder with Mark Miller, 149¼, New York.

Besides Brown-Bautista, Venti refereed Shkrelli-Miller, while Joe Cortez handled Rivera-Sweeney and the main event.
Judges—Bill Kostrub and Bob Kimbrough.
(08-24-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—** Howard Davis enjoyed his monthly workout at the expense of overblown featherweight James Martinez, scoring a fifth round TKO. This one was a real turkey shoot, with poor Martinez in the role of the unfortunate bird. Davis landed everything he threw without taking a single consequential punch in return. The whole affair prompted one ringsider to yell, "What is this, the Howard Davis Show?"

A cut over Martinez's left eye gave referee Arthur Mercante an excuse to stop the charade at the end of the fifth—much to the relief of all concerned.

Howard looked superb, but everyone wants to see how he does with someone who punches back. Martinez, 133¾, Odessa, Texas, was in over his head and knew it.

Bob Arum promised that Davis, 134¼, Dix Hills, New York, would step up in class soon in an effort to force WBA lightweight boss Ray Mancini into a showdown. Now that would be a little more competitive!

Mike Tinley, 157, Camden, N.J., edged past Mark McPherson, 155¼, Lakeview, Long Island, with a majority decision in a battle of prospects. Tinley, now 9-1-1 (five kayoes), forced the fight and probably earned his narrow victory by working a bit harder than the smooth boxing McPherson. Mark, who lost for the first time in nine pro outings, landed some nice counters, but didn't do enough to overcome Tinley's hustle. Scores were 4-3-1 (twice) for Tinley and a 3-3-2 stalemate.

Unbeaten Gino Gelormino, 126¼, Levittown, N.Y., overcame a rocky start to TKO rugged Sylvester Price, 126, Muncie, Indiana, at 2:37 of the sixth in a scheduled eight. An overhand right dropped Price for a mandatory eight-count, and, although he tried to continue, he was rescued after another flurry of blows crashed home. Gelormino is now 11-0, with eight wins via the quick route. Price, who always comes to fight, slipped to 11-6.

Old-timer Doc McClendon, 145, Paterson, N.J., shocked previously unbeaten youngster Roberto Mejia, 144½, New York, with a TKO at 1:17 of the sixth. Doc took a pounding over the first couple of rounds, but then proceeded to score five knockdowns before referee Mercante called him off. Mejia was down twice in the third, one in the fifth, and twice more in the fatal sixth. All-in-all, quite a showing for the 33-year-old McClendon, who came in on only six hours' notice.

In other prelim action, Dorian Melamed, 189½, Pomona, N.Y., TKO'd Solomon Dollison, 192½, Muncie, at 2:28 of the first. Gary Gamble, 134¾, Indianapolis, scored a cut-eye TKO over Sal Cenicola, 135½, Riverdale, N.J., at 0:30 of the third.
Alternate Referee-Joe O'Neill
Judges—Richard F. Murry and Phil Newman.
Television—ESPN
Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.
Attendance—850 (SRO)
(08-26-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—** Junior lightweight hotshot Hectro (Macho) Camacho is probably everything they say he is and lots more besides. The possessor of blinding speed and considerable boxing skills, he also has the smile and boyish good looks to match his dazzling talents. Showcasing these gifts to perfection, Camacho knocked out a well-cast Johnny Sato at 2:15 of the fourth. It was a performance that impressed even the most cynical observers. Let's face it, this guy can fight.

Although Camacho's speed made Sato look like he was standing still, the Stockton-based veteran was a respectable opponent. He split a pair of bouts with Rolando Navarrete and has won the majority of his fights since island-hopping east from the Philippines. Against Camacho, however, he didn't stand a prayer.

Camacho clowned and mugged for the television cameras before the first bell, but was all business once hostilities began. There was none of the showboating that marred a number of the New Yorker's previous efforts. He had a job to do and he did it with precision and flair.

Camacho, 131½, doubled and tripled his lead right, punishing his fellow southpaw as he moved in-and-out, side-to-side. The punches came so fast that Sato, 134, could only blink and accept his penance the best he could. He had neither the speed to keep up with his slashing tormentor, nor the guile to escape.

Soon, Camacho began to mix in both hands, landing his full repertoire with almost ridiculous ease. Sato looked like a fish out of water, struggling to survive a situation that he must have known was hopeless.

Just when it begn to look like Sato was willing to soak up unlimited abuse, Camacho put together a sizzling barrage that featured several searing right hooks and beaut of a right uppercut that crumpled Sato for referee Larry Hazzard's 10-count. It was the unbeaten Camacho's 17th straight victory and his 10th knockout. If there is a more exciting junior lightweight star on the rise, we have yet to see him. The "Macho Man" seems to have the ability to back up his braggadocio, and, although the jury is still out on Hector until he faces a top contender, that is sometimes a combination that heralds the arrival of greatness.

Robert (Pee Wee) Rucker, 140½, New York, won a unanimous decision over Rafael Ortiz, 142¾, Dominican Republic, 10. Scores were 7-2-1, 7-3, and 5-4-1—all for Rucker. Referee, Frank Cappuccino.

Fred Hutchings, 160½, Stockton, California, TKO'd Gerald Banks, 164¼, New York, at 1:26 of the fourth in another scheduled 10. A right uppercut dropped Banks for the full-count. Referee, Cappuccino.

Junior Velez, 136, Jersey City, TKO'd Michael Reynolds, 131, New York, at 2:06 of the third. Greg Reid, 130, New York, scored a unanimous decision over Robert Matos, 133, New York, four. Larry Hazzard refereed both bouts.

The main event was televised live over CBS-TV from the Copa Room of the Sands Hotel Casino.
Judges—John Stewart and Harold Lederman.
Promoters—Madison Square Garden and Gelb Productions.
Attendance—600 (est.).
(08-28-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—** Unpredictable Mario Maldonado continued to show signs of new maturity, intelligently wearing down runner Jerry Holly with a steady body attack until he reached his head with a flurry of hard blows for a TKO at 1:57 of the seventh.

In the past, Maldonado, 156½, Vineland, N.J., usually went all out for a quick kayo, often running low on gas if he failed to put his man away early. Lately, he has displayed a much more patient attitude and infinitely better conditioning. He stalked the tall and lanky Holly, thumping away at Jerry's body whenever he succeeded in pinning him along the ropes.

Holly, 159, Orlando, Florida, had slowed down sufficiently by the seventh to allow Maldonado to tag him with a sweeping left hook to the head. The punch put rubber in Jerry's knees and Mario piled in, connecting with half-a-dozen more clean head shots before referee Joe O'Neill called him off. It marked the end of another impressive outing for Maldonado, who improved his log to 19-10-1 (11 kayoes).

Bobby Bland, 157½, Toronto, Canada, chalked-up a TKO over Danny Snyder, 159½, Upper Darby, Pa., at 1:57 of the fourth in a scheduled eight. Snyder gave his usual "performance," falling down in the third from an alleged low blow and hamming it up for the crowd. Bland nailed Danny with a right uppercut in the next session that put him down again. Although Snyder beat referee O'Neill's count, he cowered beneath crossed arms and was excused for the night. All-in-all, another "Academy Award" presentation from "Dancin' Dan."

Slap-dash Artie Artwell, 201¼, Chester, Pa., drew with posing Earl Lewis, 196¼, Youngstown, Ohio, over six horrible rounds that were so bad they were funny. Please, gentlemen; no rematch!

Dennis Howard, 137½, Phila. (brother of welterweight contender Kevin), boxed his way to a four-round majority decision over Eduardo Torres, 137¼, Atlantic City, in a lively affair that was voted "Prelim of the Night." Howard used good defense and solid counters to both the body and head to hand the rugged Torres his first defeat after three straight wins as a pro. The winner evened his record to 3-3.

Anthony English, 127, Camden, N.J., TKO'd Donniel Parker, 129, Atlantic City, at 1:11 of the fourth after a right uppercut put Parker on queer street.

Referee O'Neill handled all five bouts when his alternate failed to show.
Judges—Tommy Kaczmarek and Sam Sangis.
Promoter—Elbaum-Menas Productions
Attendance—1,300 (SRO).
(08-31-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—** Philadelphian Tyrone (Butterfly) Crawley won the new ESPN lightweight championship with a 12-round unanimous decision over Al (Earthquake) Carter in a fight that provided little in the way of excitement. Crawley was simply too good of a boxer for the hard-punching Carter and he never allowed Al to lure him into a punch-out.

A sharp right to the side of the head dropped Carter, 135, Alliance, Ohio, in the second for a flash knockdown. He also suffered a cut near the left eyebrow in the seventh. Crawley, also 135, was hampered by a swollen left eye that was almost completely closed at the end of the match.

Scores were as follows: Referee Joe Cortez and judge Harold Lederman voted for Crawley, 8-4 and 7-4-1, respectively. Judge Lindsey Tucker had it even in rounds, 5-5-2, but made it a unanimous call for Crawley by giving him an 54-53 edge in points.

Crawley, a slick, switch-hitting youngster, is now 9-0 (two kayoes). He could develop into a decent prospect, but is still too inexperienced to challenge the division's better names. Carter, now 26-4 (25 kayoes), is a solid puncher, but has trouble with movers like Crawley.

Southpaw Dennis Cruz, 132, New York, scored the best win of his unbeaten career (12-0, 10 kayoes) with an eight-round unanimous nod over experienced Edwin Luis Rivera, 133, Hoboken, N.J. Referee, Rudy Battle.

Popular Herb (Hebrew Hitter) Wilens, 160, Gaithersburg, Md., scored a TKO over Burgess Scruggs, 157½, Indianapolis, at 2:53 of the fourth. Referee, Rudy Battle.

Chris Calvin, 136½, Nashville, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Greg Washington, 133½, Elizabeth, N.J. Referee, Joe Cortez.

Willie Bermudez, 157, Brooklyn, scored a unanimous four-round decision over Stanley Vance, 161, Washington, D.C. Referee, Joe Cortez.

Richard Semperit, 134, Bronx, withstood a strong rally by Terry Robinson, 129, Middletown, N.Y., to win a unanimous four-round decision. Referee, Joe Cortez.

The card was televised live over ESPN.
Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.
Attendance—850 (capacity).
(09-02-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—** In a mild upset, Milton Guest, 146¾, Mt. Vernon, New York, handed Philly's Bernard Peterson his first pro loss, scoring a TKO at 2:37 of the third round in a scheduled eight between a pair of good prospects.

Peterson, 150, was stunned midway into the third when Guest caught him with a right to the head, and he never recovered. Milton opened up, connecting with several more rights before referee Paul Venti rescued the reeling Peterson from further punishment.

The surprisingly easy win pushed Guest's record to 10-1 (nine kayoes) and proved that he can handle himself with live opposition. Peterson, whose 7-1-1 (four kayoes) record includes a win and a draw with Roger Stafford, was a big disappointment.

Rocky Sekorski, 201½, St. Paul, Minn., hung on to his unbeaten tag with a majority decision over Broderick Mason, 200¼, Phila., over eight so-so rounds. Mason produced the better quality punches, but allowed Sekorski to out-hustle him down the stretch. Judge Eva Shain scored it even, 4-4, but was overruled by referee Frank Cappuccino and judge Bill Carrozza, who voted 5-3 and 6-2, respectively, for Sekorski.

In the "Fight of the Night", Freddy Creech, 161½, Fayetteville, N.C., TKO'd Bruce (Kid) Calway, 166, New Orleans, at 2:27 of the seventh. Creech knocked Calway down in the second, third and seventh, utilizing a sharp right hand and smart boxing. Creech is one of the few fighters from North Carolina that have shown well in Atlantic City. Most of them have been hopeless.

Philadelphian Ray Evans, 127½, looked lucky to receive a split decision over James (Bish) Cullins, 129, Landover, Md., in a spirited six-rounder. Both men threw (and landed) plenty of leather, but Cullins' blows seemed to carry more weight and Evans was rocked a few times, though never off his feet.

Muhammad Aziz, 175½, Newark, scored a unanimous decision over Eugene Primes, 178, Akron, in a clinch-filled bore that went six. Referee, Paul Venti.

Kenny Ringo, 172¾, Detroit, opened the card with a third-round TKO over Muhammad Anwar, 172, Newark, at 2:07. Anwar flirted with a suspension when he went after referee Venti following the conclusion of the bout. Thankfully, Muhammad was quickly restrained before any damage could be done.
Promoter—Elbaum-Menas Productions.
Attendance—900 (est.).
(09-07-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

OHIO

▲ **DELAWARE—Outdoor Sports Arena—** Jeff Jordan, 205, Columbus, knocked out William Scott, 225, Cincinnati with a short right in 0:58 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Jordan is now 11-1.

"Irish" Dan O'Malley, 220, Columbus, came out of a year-and-a-half retirement and halted Freddie (Kung Fu) Jackson, 198, Detroit, in round three. O'Malley is now 3-0—all knockouts.

Former National AAU finalist Kemper Morton, 175, Westerville, kayoed Robert Jackson, 179, Cleveland, in the fourth round. This was Morton's pro debut.

Don (Cobra) Copley, 229, Columbus, halted Bobby (Domino) Wilson, 247, Cleveland, in the second round of a scheduled four.

Wendell (Sugarbear) Pfeifer, 220, Marion, Ohio, won a close decision over Willy Browning, 215, Marengo, four.

Bill (The Kid) Chapin, 156, Powell, knocked out Leroy Hoy, 154, Columbus, in 1:02 of the first round.

This was the first pro show held in this city in over 50 years.
Referee—Larry Bentley.
Promoter—Dave Jones. Matchmaker—Pat Zill.
Attendance—975 (est.).
(09-04-82)

MEYER WAXMAN

OREGON

▲ **PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—** Francisco Roche, 145, Seattle, won the vacant Northwest welter title with a unanimous decision over veteran Darryl Penn, also 145, Portland, 12. The quick and ravenous Cuban southpaw scorched the more experienced Penn with an awkward style and total ferocity. Roche had been outpointing Penn until stopped by a cut in a previous bout.

Charles (Machine Gun) Carter, 160, Yakima, Washington, floored Matereti Valu, 166, the Fiji Islands, four times before the ref stopped their scheduled eight-round bout at 2:39 of the first.

Roosevelt Green, 161, Seattle, TKO'd Rosando Ruvalcaba, 166, who suffered a dislocated shoulder and could not come out for round three of their scheduled eight.

Tony (The Executioner) Thomas, 154, Portland, dropped Sam Wilson, 146, Albany, with a right to the jaw. Wilson beat the count, but the referee ruled him unable to continue at 1:55 of the second. Thomas was making his pro debut.

Lorenzo Garcia, 127, Caldwell, Idaho, battered debuting Donny (The Kid) Fosmire, 127, into a fog before the referee stopped the bout at 0:11 of the fourth.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.

Judges—Ben Laford, George Robinson, Paul Weitzel.

Promoter—Dolores McNally of Sports Attractions, Inc.

(08-26-82)

▲ CRESWELL—Emerald Valley Inn—A brightly striped circus tent housed the ring for this outdoor card on the 18th fairway of the Emerald Valley Golf Course, and the proverbial good time was had by all the hometown boys at the expense of the visitors.

Northwest bantamweight champ James (Sweet Baby) Manning, 114½, won a shutout unanimous decision over durable Sylvester Guerrero, 116, Los Angeles, 10. Guerrero was knocked down in rounds three and eight, as Manning, who had won his last three bouts by kayoes, abandoned his usual combos and used his reach advantage to lay rights on his opponent.

1980 Olympic Team captain Pat Jefferson, 142, South Dakota, now fighting out of Eugene, Oregon, won a unanimous decision over Henry Drummond, also 142, Guatemala, now fighting out of L.A., eight.

Guy Villegas, 132, Eugene, dropped Carlos Bryant, 135, Los Angeles, twice in the fourth round for a TKO at 2:55 of the session.

Tim cude, 184, Eugene, TKO'd Ken Reel, 188, Portland, at the end of two.

Steve Manning, 119, Eugene, made his pro debut with a TKO over Carlos Adalpe, 122, L.A., at 2:55 of the fourth.

Referee—Phil Moyer.

Judges—Lloyd Davis, Jack Batchelor.

Promoters—Rich Dnanner and Dennis Harrington of Feature Events.

Attendance—850.

(08-27-82)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ CONSHOHOCKEN—McDonald Labor Lyceum—Earl Hargrove, 155½, Edgewater Park, New Jersey, knocked out sub Claude Simpson, 157, Spartanburg, South Carolina, with a savage right in 1:30 of the first round in the main event. This should be the unbeaten Hargrove's last appearance at this level of competition, as the local fistic community is anxious to see what he can do against quality opposition. The loser suffered a concussion.

Michael Ross, 142, Philadelphia, and Cookie James, 139, Philly, drew, six.

Marvin Mack, 171½, Philadelphia, TKO'd Lee Campbell, 175, Camden, New Jersey, at 2:57 of the fifth.

Joe Pickett, 132, Phoenixville, dropped fellow debutant Johnny Sawyer, 130, Norristown, with a left hook and stopped him at 1:10 of the first round.

Roberto (Sugar) Mendez, 135, Trenton, floored Lloyd Jones, also 135, Philly, in round three and won via unanimous decision, four. Mendez, who has returned to action under a new trainer—Georgie Benton—looked sharp.

Tim Krauss, 136, Lindenwold, New Jersey, halted Richard Graves, 135, Philly, at the end of one.

Pinky (Six Guns) Gordon, 149½, Wilmington, Delaware, made his pro debut against the highly regarded Geronimo Mobley, 149, Pottstown, Pa., and was unlucky to get only a draw at the end of four excellent rounds.

Referees—Hank Cisco, Bob Polis.

Judges—Al Morris, Joe Sweeney.

Promoter—Bob Connelly. Matchmaker—Ted Larve.

Attendance—550. Gross—$5,500.

(07-22-82)

▲ PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle Caterers—A near packed house saw local hero Ricky Whitt, 149, blast out Billy White, 147½, Clark, New Jersey, at 2:50 of round one. Whitt, a southpaw, dropped Clark with a straight left, and referee Frank Cappuccino stopped the bout without a count.

Walter Sloan, 156, Bristol, Pa., TKO'd Kelvin Allen, 158, Newark, at 1:48 of the second.

Sugar Faulu, 167½, Newark, halted Larry Winslow, 160, Clark, at 1:29 of the second.

Freddie Reyes, 141, Philly, TKO'd Henry Wright, 140½, Springfield, N.J., at 0:59 of the second.

Francis Childs, 121, Pottstown, won a unanimous decision over Herman Ingram, also 121, Newark, six.

Referees—Ozzie Sadler, Frank Cappuccino.

Promoter—Joe Verne. Matchmaker—Billy DeMarco.

Attendance—1,075. Gross—$10,000.

(07-22-82)

J.R. JOWETT

TENNESSEE

▲ NASHVILLE—Hyatt Regency Hotel—At some fight cards it is now becoming customary to crank up the theme song from *Rocky* or the "Eye of the Tiger" hit from *Rocky III*. They would have been more in line to play the recent rock/soul hit, "Controversy" by Prince at this card. It would most certainly have set the mood.

In the first of two Southern Boxing Council championship tournament finals to recognize the best young fighters in the South, Jerome (Kid) Coffee, Nashville, won the SBC bantam title with a 10-round shutout over Mike Huckaby, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Coffee picked his shots and worked Huckaby with his fine jab. Coffee, now 12-0, is just a few fights away from being ready for world-class opposition. Huckaby is now 7-2.

Controversy abounded in the second SBC title fight. Billy (the Kid) White, 129½, seemed to outbox and outfox Ted (Hookin') Hatfield over ten, while Hatfield seemed content to try and conduct a clinic on how to commit every foul in the book on his unhappy opponent from Lafayette, Louisiana.

Somehow, the Tennessee judges saw fit to give the local boy from nearby Mt. Juliet enough credit to call it a draw after 10. So White outboxed Hatfield in an 11th round and was awarded the SBC title.

A mistake in the scoring was discovered, and an appeal by Hatfield's people got the fight called a draw. The SBC, however, will recognize White as the Southern junion lightweight champ, since the title was awarded and since neither will fight a rematch away from home territory.

White is now 4-0-1. Hatfield, 16-2-1, should think about sweating down to featherweight and challenging Eusebio Pedroza. If anyone can outfoul the Panamanian, it is Hatfield.

Danny (Smiley) Sutton, the tough southpaw heavyweight from Kentston, North Carolina, just can't seem to avoid controversy in the big fights. He was involved in a double disqualification draw with Earnie Shavers a while back. This time he was awarded a very questionable TKO over Tony Tucker.

Tucker, 214, seemed to have an edge over Sutton, 204, in the first two rounds, before the two banged knees in the third. The Detroit prospect's knee popped out of joint and he slumped to the canvas. Sutton, who bangs pretty good with his left hand, was awarded a TKO which makes him 17-1-1. This may open some doors for him.

Tucker, now 16-1, complained bitterly about the verdict, and his people appealed the decision. A declaration of a no contest ruling is likely, as is a rematch.

Stacy McSwain, Spartanburg, upped his mark to 8-3 in no small upset of Jeff McCall, Owensboro, Kentucky, now 14-1, in an eight-round middleweight SBC tourney semi-final.

Nashville's Anthony Murray narrowly outpointed another previously unbeaten fighter, John Sennegal, Lake Charles, La., in a lightweight eight-round semi-final. Sennegal, 8-1, appealed the loss to Murray, 14-2, but is not likely to get anywhere with it.

In a non-tourney fight, Darryl (Fast Fists) Fuller impressed while bouncing Gene Barlow off of the canvas five times for a three-knockdown rule TKO in the third of their eight-rounder. Fuller, Jackson, Tenn., is now 8-1. Bartlow, Spartanburg, is 16-6.

Ten bells were rung in reverence to the untimely tragic death of Salvador Sanchez. The classy champ will not soon be forgotten.

Promoter—Stan Allen with Top Rank, Inc.

Attendance—1,000 (sellout).

Television—ESPN.

(08-12-82)

THOMAS DEAS, JR.

UTAH

▲ SALT LAKE CITY—Fairgrounds Coliseum—Earnie Chavez, 118, Blackfoot, Idaho (now fighting out of Salt Lake City), knocked out Lupe Sanchez, also 118, Tucson, Arizona, with a near perfect left hook to the rib section in 0:50 of the first round in the scheduled 10-round main event of the first professional boxing program held in Utah in two years. Chavez is now 12-4.

Pisa Finai, 221, Salt Lake City, kayoed Larry Waire, 201, Carson City, Nevada, in 1:38 of the first round in a scheduled six. Finai is now 2-1.

Tony Montoya, Jr., 118, Salt Lake City, made his pro debut by stopping D.D. Young, also 118, Tucson, in round three of their scheduled six.

Scott Ochoa, 158, Salt Lake City, outpointed Gary Sanderso, 150, Tucson, six. Ochoa is now 1-1.

Danny Alvarez, 129, Draper, Utah, made his pro debut by halting Randy Boulard, 132, Tooele, Utah, in round three of a scheduled four.

Referees—Del Markham, Jay Fuller.

Promoter—Jake Westbrook.

Attendance—700.

TONY MONTOYA, SR.

VIRGINIA

▲ CHESAPEAKE—Three six-rounders and two fours rounded out a program of full contact karate.

Sixes: Mel Daniels, 192, Chesapeake, won an upset verdict over Oaktree Edwards, 187, Greenville, North Carolina. (Edwards was suspended 45 days due to cuts.) Bobby Wall, 177, Chesapeake, TKO'd Vince Allen, 169, Chesapeake, in three. Ric Lainhart, 175, Virginia Beach, TKO'd Glen Edwards, 178, Ayden, North Carolina, in two.

Fours: Josh Bryant, 225, Hampton, Virginia, outpointed Willis Cowell, 288, Camden, New Jersey. Eddie Barnes, 157, Greenville, outscored Robert Jackson, 155, Hampton.

Referees—Rothenberg, Williams.

Judges—Green, McKewen, Traylor.

Timekeepers—Gold, Latham.

Ringside Physician—Dr. Pryor.

Announcer—Mann.

Contact Sports, Inc.

(08-21-82)

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
2. Sylvain Watbled (France)
3. Felipe Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
5. Neville Meade (Great Britain)
6. David Pearce (Great Britain)
7. Billy Aird (Great Britain)
8. Al Syben (Belgium)
9. Giudo Trane (Italy)
10. Giovanni De Luca (Italy)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)
1. Hocine Tafer (France)
2. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
3. Richard Caramanolis (France)
4. Fred Serres (Belgium)
5. Bunny Johnson (Great Britain)
6. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
7. Christiano Cavina (Italy)
8. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
9. Ennio Cometti (Italy)
10. Manfred Jassmann (Germany)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
2. Gaetano Ardito (Italy)
3. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
4. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)
5. Jacques Chinon (France)
6. Frank Winterstein (France)
7. Pierre Joly (France)
8. Rufino Angulo (France)
9. Frank Wissenbach (Germany)
10. Glen McEwen (Great Britain)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
1. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
2. Louis Acaries (France)
3. Jose Hernandez (Spain)
4. Chris Christian (Great Britain)
5. Richard Rodriguez (France)
6. Jimmy Batten (Great Britain)
7. Peter Thomas (Great Britain)
8. Stephane Ferrara (France)
9. Torben Anderson (Denmark)
10. Jean Andre Emmerich (Germany)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Hans Henrik Palm
1. Jorgen Hansen (Denmark)
2. Colin Powers (Great Britain)
3. Giuseppe Di Padova (Italy)
4. Claude Lancastre (France)
5. Jo Kimpuani (France)
6. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
7. Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz (Spain)
8. Franco Aresti (Italy)
9. Piero Angelo Pira (Italy)
10. Dum Dum Pacheco (Spain)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
1. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
2. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
3. Francesco Leon (Spain)
4. Giuseppe Russi (Italy)
5. Chris Sanigar (Great Britain)
6. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
7. Des Morrison (Great Britain)
8. Steve Early (Great Britain)
9. Roberto Gambini (France)
10. Antonio Antino (Italy)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Giuseppe Gibilisco (Italy)
1. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
2. Charlie Nash (Great Britain)
3. Jose Garcia (Spain)
4. Lucio Cusma (Spain)
5. Jose Luis Heredia (Spain)
6. George Feeney (Great Britain)
7. Ricky Beaumont (Great Britain)
8. Rene Weller (Germany)
9. Lance Williams (Great Britain)
10. Rodolfo Sanchez (Spain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
1. Roberto Castanon (Spain)
2. Daniel Londas (France)
3. Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
4. Carlos Rodriguez (Spain)
5. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
6. Michel Siracusa (France)
7. Lorenzo Paciullo (Italy)
8. Luigi De Rosa (Italy)
9. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)
10. Francis Bailleu (France)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
1. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
2. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
3. Loris Stecca (Italy)
4. Steve Sims (Great Britain)
5. Jimmy Flint (Great Britain)
6. Cecilio Lastra (Spain)
7. Phillipe Martin (France)
8. Giuseppe La Vite (Italy)
9. Pasquale Mazza (Italy)
10. Terry McKeown (Great Britain)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
1. Valerio Nati (Italy)
2. John Feeney (Great Britain)
3. Esteban Eguia (Spain)
4. Vicente Rodriguez (Spain)
5. Dave Smith (Great Britain)
6. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
7. Roberto Serreli (Italy)
8. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
9. Manuel Barquim (Spain)
10. Walter Giogetti (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
2. Enrique Rodriguez Cal (Spain)
3. Kelvin Smart (Great Britain)
4. Dave George (Great Britain)
5. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
6. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
7. Giamiero Pinna (Italy)
8. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
9. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
10. Antonio Montero (France)

▲ **CRYSTAL CITY**—Blufort Spencer, 172, Richmond, spoiled Mike Quarry's return to ring action with a unanimous decision in their eight-round main event. The scores were 78-75 and 79-75 (twice). Quarry weighed 182.

O.C. Harper, 137, Maryland, TKO'd Scott Farmer, 136, Manassas, Virginia, in the fifth round of their scheduled eight.

Mike James, 150, Springfield, Virginia, outpointed Marvin Crawford, 152, Alexandria, Virginia, six. James was suspended 45 days due to cuts.

Four-rounders: Mike Passero, 139, Maryland, outpointed Darryl Richardson, 134, Portsmouth. Dave Todt, 165, Maryland, TKO'd Toby Smith, 161, Portsmouth, in two.

Referees—Rothenberg, Williams.
Judges—Barrett, Trindle.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Hoffler.
Announcer—Sutton.
Ed Guido Productions.
(08-27-82)

WASHINGTON

▲ **EVERETT**—Ibar Arrington, 198, Everett, TKO'd Kid Gasaway, 250, Sacramento, Calif., in the first round of the scheduled 10-round main event.

Leroy James, 184, Seattle, TKO'd Joe Wade, 193, Bellingham, in round three of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Jesse Toro, 146, Seattle, TKO'd David Brunson, 145, Seattle, in the second. Noe Ramirez, 155, Seattle, TKO'd Greg Gowens, 153, Bellingham, Wash., in the fourth and final session. Billy Minnix, 157, Seattle, outscored Lander Clark, 158, Settle. Carl Owens, 150, Seattle, TKO'd Daniel Weightman, 153, Everett, in one.

Referees—Jack Ableman, Ronald G. Rall.
Judges—Ted Peach, Bill Kydd, Paul C. Gibbs.
Timekeeper—Frank Ramon.
Ringside Physician—W.J. McDougal.
Promoter—Chuck Hendrickson.
(08-18-82)

CANADA

NOVA SCOTIA

▲ **HALIFAX**—Roddie McDonald, Toronto, retained his Canadian light heavy title by knocking out Paul Talbot, Halifax, the number one contender, in the 10th round of a scheduled 12. A right hand to the jaw was the kayo punch.
(08-21-82)

ONTARIO

▲ **WELLAND—Arena**—John DeGazio, 147½, Welland, won a unanimous decision over Frank Minnigan, 144½, Cleveland, 10. The scores were 47-46, 49-44, and 47-43.

Leroy Pink, 140, Toronto, won a unanimous (39-38, 39-36, 40-34) decision over Clinton Harris, also 140, Windsor, Ontario, eight. Ed Gaudet, referee.

Remo DiCarlo, 136½, Toronto, won a unanimous verdict over Kenny Smith, 138, Windsor, six. This was a great bout, fought at a fast clip, with no holding or knockdowns. DiCarlo appeared to be a little stronger in the last round, and got the decision by scores of 30-27 and 30-25 (twice).

Dwayne Herrod, 151, Cleveland, and Bobby Greene, 153½, Dunville, had their scheduled six-round bout declared a tech draw at 2:35 of round three when Herrod was unable to continue.

Donavan Reddick, 188, Toronto, stopped a miserable opponent named Al Williams, 213, Buffalo, at 1:53 of the first.

Fred Bassi, 201½, Welland, knocked out Morris Fulgham, 192, Buffalo, in 1:27 of the first.

Hector Bordenave, 171, Toronto, stopped Willie Cole, 162½, Buffalo, at 1:57 of the first round in a scheduled four. Cole claimed an eye injury and quit.

The Ontario Athletic Commission indefinitely suspended Williams, Fulgham, and Cole and withheld their purses. Only their expenses were paid.

Promoter—Dan DeGazio.
Referees—C. Williams, Ed Gaudet, S. Luftspring.
Judges—C. Williams, Frank Allnutt, Ed Gaudet, S. Luftspring.
Timekeepers—A. Paris, B. Cormier.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. A. Hacker, Dr. D. Munkley.
Announcer—Tony Unitas.
Attendance—1,250.
(08-13-82)

▲ **TORONTO—St. Lawrence Market Hall**—Jimmy Gradson of Toronto had been scheduled to meet former world junior middleweight champion Oscar (Shotgun) Albarado in the 10-round main event. Albarado, though, was overweight, had been knocked out in his last three fights, and was declared a medical risk after being checked out by doctors J. Greenberg and A. Gordon of the Ontario Commission. The card was rescheduled for the following night, and Commissioner Clyde Gray gave promoter Mitch Chuvalo 24 hours to find a sub for Albarado.

Matchmaker George Chuvalo secured the services of one Benny Mitchell of Columbus, Ohio, to oppose Gradson. "Benny" and his manager, Billy Douglas, arrived in Toronto early in the morning on the day of the fight, but were late for the weigh-in at the commission offices at 11 a.m. Mitchell looked nervous and edgy when Gray asked him if he was, indeed, Benny Mitchell. "Yeah," he answered. When questioned further regarding his record, Mitchell was not too sure of himself, and, when asked for identification, was unable to produce a thing. Billy Douglas was then questioned, and he admitted that he'd brought in, not Benny Mitchell (who was "working"), but Donald Mitchell, Benny's younger brother. There is no available record on Donald as a boxer.

Mitch and George Chuvalo were suspended for one year, and Douglas, the Mitchell brothers, and Paul Lewis, all of Ohio, have been suspended indefinitely. The program was naturally cancelled.

Commissioner Gray's decision may not have gone down too well with a few people, but the public was protected, and the sport was guarded, too. There have been enough $20-a-ticket farces in boxing. More than enough fatalities, too.
(08-17/18-82)

FRANK ALLNUTT

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Neville Meade (England)
2. David Pearce (Wales)
3. Gordon Ferris (Ireland)
4. Billy Aird (England)
5. Ken Lagusta (Canada)
6. Cedric Parson (Canada)
7. Stewart Lithgo (England)
8. Maile Haumona (Trinidad)
9. Gordon Racette (Canada)
10. Eddie Neilson (England)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Tony Mundine (Australia)
2. Mustapha Wasaija (Uganda)
3. John Odehiamba (Uganda)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
5. Bunny Johnson (England)
6. Roddy McDonald (Canada)
7. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
8. Tom Collins (England)
9. Don LaLonde (Canada)
10. Kid Power (Zimbabwe)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
3. Roy Gumbs (England)
4. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
5. Steve Dennis (Australia)
6. Wayne Caplette (Canada)
7. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
8. Mark Truck (Canada)
9. Glen McEwan (England)
10. Mark Kaylor (England)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
2. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
3. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
4. Rocky Mattioli (Australia)
5. Reggie Ford (Guyana)
6. Jimmy Batten (England)
7. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
8. Brian Anderson (England)
9. Darwin Brewster (Wales)
10. Prince Rodney (England)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Sakarai Ve (Tonga)
2. Kirkland Laing (England)
3. Mark Harris (Guyana)
4. Mario Cusson (Canada)
5. Frank Ropis (Australia)
6. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
7. Dave Sarago (Australia)
8. Colin Power (England)
9. Lloyd Hibbert (England)
10. Baba Sumaila (Ghana)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
4. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
5. Sylvester Mittee (England)
6. Chris Sanigar (England)
7. Mike Parsons (Trinidad)
8. Des Morrison (England)
9. Brian Janssen (Australia)
10. Nick Furlano (Canada)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Claude Noel (Trinidad)
1. Barry Michael (Australia)
2. Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
3. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
4. Charlie Nash (Ireland)
5. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
6. Ray Cattouse (England)
7. Gaetan Hart (Canada)
8. John Summerhays (Canada)
9. George Feeney (England)
10. Willi Tarika (Fiji)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)
1. Pat Cowdell (England)
2. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
3. Eddie Ndukwu (Nigeria)
4. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
5. Sammy Sims (Wales)
6. Gary Williams (Australia)
7. Brian Roberts (Australia)
8. Barry McGuigan (No. Ireland)
9. Jimmy Flint (England)
10. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. John Feeney (England)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
4. Davy Larmour (Ireland)
5. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
6. Patrick Burns (Australia)
7. Hugh Russell (Ireland)
8. Mark West (England)
9. Peter Jones (Wales)
10. Hector Clottey (Ghana)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
3. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
4. Dave George (Wales)
5. Steve Bell (Australia)
6. Keith Wallace (England)
7. Glen Walsh (Australia)
8. Kis Simaila (Canada)
9. Junior Thompson (Australia)
10. Ian Clyde (Canada)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England), Tiger Man (Papua), Billy Moeller (Australia), Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria).

MEXICO

COAHUILA

▲ **PIEDRAS NEGRAS**—Juan Paredes, 125, TKO'd Mario Hernandez, also 125, in six.
(06-23-82)

▲ **PIEDRAS NEGRAS**—Jose Gallegos, 112, TKO'd Roberto (Lobita) Ramirez, also 112, in five to regain the Mexican flyweight title. Lalo Capetillo, 161, stopped Dave Scott, 163, U.S.A., in three. Mario Rodriguez, 125, kayoed Jackie Jackson, also 125, U.S.A., in the second. Bobby Flores, 114, kayoed Carlos Chavez, 115, in seven. Victor Manuel Martinez, 119, outscored Tono Chavez, 120, 10.
(07-10-82)

▲ **TORREON**—Andres (Pantera) Ramirez, 159, TKO'd Abel Cordoba, 160, in seven to retain his Mexican middleweight crown. Pascual Lopez, 122, knocked out Panchito Granados, 121, in the first to win the Coahuila State junior featherweight title. Beto Perez, 125, demolished Angel Hernandez, 124, in one. Nacho Ramirez, 111, kayoed Mario Paredes, 110, in the first.
(07-16-82)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Memo Vallejo, 123, TKO'd Gerardo Pena, 124, in two. Juan Paredes, 125, TKO'd Jose Angel Jimenez, also 125, in two. Miguel (Morris) Landin, 138, TKO'd Aristeo Lopez, 137, in two. Mario Marin, 108, outpointed Hector Iniesta, 110, six. Javier Torres, 115, TKO'd Gerardo Patino, 118, in three.
(07-10-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Arturo Sanchez, 124, TKO'd Bonifacio Flores, 125, in six. Heriberto Saavedra, 117, TKO'd Ray de la Cruz, also 117, in seven. Alberto Garcia, 108, outpointed Angel Ortega, 109, 10. Efrain Pintor, 111, stopped Artemio Guadalupe, 112, in one. Enrique Ursua, 117, knocked out Fernando Dominguez, also 117, in round three.
(07-14-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Jose Duarte, 147, kayoed Moises Mendez, 146, in the fifth round. Neftali Ramirez, 111, and Jesus Tejeda, 112, drew, 10. Pedro Montero, 113, knocked out Jose Luis Garrido, 112, in round three. Hilario Duran polished off Andres Jimenez, 114, in two. Antonio Rivero, 115, outpointed Octavio Garrido, also 115, four.
(07-17-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Rafael (Raton) Alonso, 110, outscored Arturo Tebaqui, 111, 10. Camilo Ortiz, 111, outpointed Pablo Flores, 111, 10. Victor Martinez, 125, knocked out Roberto Martinez, 124, in the second. Carlos Rezago, 108, TKO'd Cheto Hernandez, also 108, in two. Juan Velasquez, 125, outpointed Ricardo (Morterito) Alonso, 124, four.
(07-21-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Cayetano Correa, 134, TKO'd Ernesto Herrera, 137, in three. Raul Dominguez, 108, TKO'd Enedino Tolentino, 106, in seven. Pedro (Canon) Diaz, 163, TKO'd Felipe Suarez, 162, in six. Luciano Hernandez, 147, lost to Mario Olmedo, also 147, eight. Noe Gonzalez, 124, TKO'd Emilio Garcia, 123, in three.
(07-24-82)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Reyes Gonzalez, 125, outpointed Miguel Angel Alvarez, 126, 10. Antonio de la Paz, 123, outscored Manuel Luna, also 123, 10. Jorge Martinez Mercado, 125, TKO'd Arturo Sanchez, 124, in two. Gerardo Gonzalez, 108, won by a disqualification over Isidro Cazares, 109, in three. Jaime Lara, 125, TKO'd Pedro Montero, 124, in three.
(07-31-82)

GUERRERO

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Elpidio Infante, 128, outpointed Jaime (Comejo) Casas, 127, 10. Emilio Santos, 108, won by a disqualification over Gerardo (Gatito) Gonzalez, 109, in six.
(07-09-82)

▲ **CIUDAD ALTAMIRANO**—Fernando (Soldadito) Teran, 118, outscored Alejandro Garcia, also 118, 10.
(07-09-82)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Isidro Perez, 109, TKO'd Pedro Moreno, 110, in three.
(07-23-82)

HIDALGO

▲ **ACTOPAN**—Ramon Jimenez, 124, outscored Carlos

Limares, 122, 10. Ramon Lopez, 108, won a technical decision over Miguel Reyes, also 108, in nine. Pedro Barajas, 119, iced Francisco Sanchez, 120, in one. Sergio Castillo, 125, outpointed Lupe Hernandez, also 125, six.
(07-10-82)

YUCATAN

▲ **MERIDA**—Alfredo Chale, 108, TKO'd Pastor Brito, also 108, in one. Santiago Mendez, 111, TKO'd Javier Alonso, also 111, in five. Faustino (Rabanito) Martin, 122, outscored Reynaldo (Lobito) Baas, 120, six. Guiler Chuc, 114, TKO'd Jose Francisco Yam, 116, in three. Baby Luis II, 107, outpointed Jose Cituk, 108, four. (NOTE: THIS CARD'S RESULTS INCORRECTLY PRINTED IN LAST ISSUE.)
(02-17-82)

EDUARDO AMER G.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

▲ **PORT OF SPAIN—Jean Pierre Sports Complex**—David Noel, 153, the junior middleweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago, won a unanimous decision over Radhames Garcia, 151½, Puerto Rico, 10. Noel is now 12-0-1. Garcia is 14-2. Scoring: referee Hollis Wilson, 49-42; judge James Harper, 49-43; judge Juan Reece, 48-45.

Edwin Oquendo, 125½, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Michael Drayton, 127¼, the featherweight champ of Trinidad and Tobago, at 0:55 of the 10th and final round. Oquendo was down from a right to the jaw in round two.

Tyrone Downes, 128¼, Barbados, outscored Roberto Pineiro, 130, Puerto Rico, 10.

Raymond Bannister, 159, and Joseph Nelson, 164¼, drew, six.
(08-27-82)

GEORGE C. BECKLES

EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

▲ **LONDON—Lyceum, The Strand**—Dennis Andries, 174¾, Hackney, retained his Southern Area light heavyweight crown by comfortably outpointing Keith Bristol, 174¼, Clapham, 10. Scoreline: 99-97.

David Miles, 127¾, Merthyr Tydfil, kayoed Dave Laxen, 130, Ruislip, in round seven with a left hook that put him on the ring apron. Laxen had also been decked, earlier in the same session, by a right.

Dennis Sheehan, 154, Nottingham, outscored Mickey Mapp, 153, Charlton, six. Scoreline: 59½-59. A strong finish earned Sheehan the verdict.

Terry Marsh, 142, Basildon, stopped Dave Finigan, 144½, Balham, in round five.

Mick Courtney, 156, Finchley, won a shutout verdict over Joey Saunders, Nottingham, six. Scoreline: 60-57. Saunders, a sub, was down in the fifth session.
(08-13-82)

▲ **NOTES**—Very little action in the summer, but there was an important meeting, in London, of the Commonwealth Championships Committee, of which this reporter is a member. It was decided to introduce the cruiserweight division with a weight limit of 195. This, however, is subject to the submission of a list of suitable contenders, to be considered at the next meeting, in January, 1983.

No such division exists in British boxing at the moment, but, should it become popular within the Commonwealth, and, considering the fact it already exists in other parts of the world, it may also be introduced in Britain.

RON OLVER

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

▲ **EAST LONDON—Sisa Dukashe Stadium**—In a major upset, Joseph Ngubane became the new South African bantamweight champion by knocking out Welile Nkosinkulu in the 10th round.

Ngubane, generally considered a non-puncher, dropped Nkosinkulu twice in the earlier rounds before leaving him flat on his back, out cold, in the 10th.
(08-07-82)

JAPANESE RATINGS BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1982)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenji Miyata
1. Kenji Shibata
2. Keitoku Senrima
3. Naoto Suzuki

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Katsuhiro Sawada
1. Michihiro Horihata
2. Yohi Arai
3. Tomohiro Nagao

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jyunya Kushikino
1. Katsuyoshi Kitsumoto
2. Kazuhiko Yasuda
3. Gorugu Saito
4. Shoji Okishima
5. Kazumi Nakao
6. Mugen Kawasaka
7. Kozo Fukuya
8. Shogun Hatakeyama
9. Koji Sasagawa
10. No Listing

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Tatsuya Moriyasu
1. Ryutaro Otsuki
2. Seitaro Chinen
3. Eiichi Fukumoto
4. Nobutaka Kuwata
5. Hammer Itoi
6. Kazunori Shiratori
7. Taijiro Niyama
8. Masaji Fujiwara
9. Ryo Asuka
10. Katsuji Muto

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Fujio Ozaki
1. Hayao Shiba
2. Jyoken Narita
3. Tadao Ishido
4. Cheyenne Yamamoto
5. Hiroshi Osumi
6. Takashi Sugimoto
7. Young Hide
8. Kaneatsu Yamamoto
9. Rocky Takemoto
10. No Listing

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Yoshimitsu Azato
1. Yonekura Ikhoni
2. Ryu Fukida
3. Hideyuki Shikano
4. Toshiaki Nakamoto
5. Mitsuteru Higashi
6. Jyo Tatsuki
7. Blazer Okubo
8. Koji Sengoku
9. Yasuhide Takahashi
10. Masaharu Owada

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Spider Nemoto
1. Toshiyuki Tanaka
2. Kuniuoshi Kuwabara
3. Eijiro Kuruma
4. Gen Tosa
5. Masahiro Takagi
6. Masao Ogata
7. Condor Yamamoto
8. Takuya Muguruma
9. Yoshinari Tanaka
10. Rusher Kawaguchi

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Hiroyuki Iwamoto
1. Naoki Kobayashi
2. Kenichi Ito
3. Toshi Okuma
4. Sanji Ito
5. Bunji Ando
6. Satoshi Koguchi
7. Hideharu Mitsui
8. Keiji Kawamura
9. Zenichi Hasegawa
10. Takeshi Mitsu

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Suichi Isogami
1. Hurricane Teru
2. Hitoshi Ohashi
3. Makoto Taguchi
4. Yoshimi Oyama
5. Kiyoshi Oyama
6. Mitsuo Imazato
7. Katsuyuki Ohashi
8. Ryu Takeshi
9. Katsuhiko Fukugomori
10. Kazuhiko Matsuda

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Tsutomu Itokazu
1. Hiroyuki Seki
2. Jackal Maruyama
3. Kazuki Higa
4. Kazumi Sato
5. Marciano Sekiyama
6. Masayuki Kirisaki
7. Mutsuo Watanabe
8. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
9. Hiroaki Kato
10. No Listing

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Kazuyoshi Funaki
1. Yuto Kazaki
2. Masaru Fuji
3. Nobuyuki Watanabe
4. Kazumasa Tamaki
5. Kazuo Katsuma
6. Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi
7. Yoshiyuki Uchida
8. Shinji Suga
9. Takamichi Yamaga
10. Yasuo Azato

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Katsumi Sato
1. Koki Ishii
2. Masaharu Inami
3. Hiroyuki Tada
4. Yoshiaki Nojima
5. Yoshiaki Kanda
6. Rikuo Watanabe
7. Road Mitsu
8. Tetsumi Takeshita
9. Kentoku Nakama
10. Gojyu Toriumi

Japanese boxers holding world titles: Jiro Watanbe (WBA junior bantamweight), Katsuo Tokashiki (WBA junior flyweight).

Japanese boxers holding OPBF titles: Eijiro Murata (bantamweight).

Other Japanese boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Tadashi Mihara (#6 WBA junior middleweight), Hidekazu Akai (#6 WBA junior welterweight), Akio Kameda (#5 WBA junior welterweight; Hikaru Tomonari (#4 WBA junior lightweight), Fusao Imai (#4 WBA junior featherweight), Shoji Oguma #9 WBA junior bantamweight, #3 WBC), Koji Kobayashi (#8 WBA junior bantamweight; #6 WBC), Syuichi Hozumi (#9 WBA flyweight), Tadashi Tomori (#4 WBC flyweight; #1 WBA).

▲ **CAPE TOWN—Good Hope Centre**—In yet another stunning upset, Fanie van Staden stopped the previously unbeaten Mzwandile Biyana in the eighth.

Van Staden punched holes in Biyana's poor defense, and the South African junior welterweight champ was in a complete daze, following a knockdown in the eighth round, when the referee stopped the bout.

Mveleli Luzipho became the new South African junior flyweight champion by outpointing Tamsanga Sogcwe, 12.
(08-10-82)

TRANSVAAL

▲ **JOHANNESBURG—Ellis Park Tennis Stadium**—After a shaky first round in which he was dropped to one knee, Charlie Weir came back to stop Coenie Bekker in the second round of a non-title bout.

Bekker made a bold start by clubbing Weir to the head, and appeared to drop him with a right. The referee, however, ruled it a slip.

Weir's timing was atrocious, his footwork pedestrian, and his handspeed so slow it looked as though you were watching a television replay.

He seemed to come alive in the second round, when he beat Bekker to the punch with a left hook that sent the South African champ sagging into a neutral corner. Bekker rose on unsteady legs, and referee Jules van den Hoogen stopped the bout.

Bennie Knoetze threw everything at British heavyweight Stewart Lithgo except the bucket, but still had to settle for a points win, eight.
(08-14-82)

BERT BLEWETT

ORIENT

JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Lanky Shuichi Hozumi, 112, floored Nobuyuki Watanabe, also 112, in the third and fifth rounds, and gained a lopsided decision in ten heats. The 5'6" Hozumi was so aggressive as to overwhelm the shorter left hooker with his effective right crosses. Hozumi, 22, boosted his log to 18-2 with five kayoes. He is now coached by ex-world junior lightweight champion Hiroshi Kobayashi. Watanabe, the WBA's ninth ranked flyweight, fell to 15-10-3 including ten kayoes.

Scoring: referee Masakazu Uchida 100-93; judges Ken Morita and Kodai Kumazaki, 100-91 and 100-92 respectively—all for Hozumi.

Prior to this main event, the WBA junior bantamweight champ Jiro Watanabe engaged in three sparring sessions with unbeaten hope Hiroyuki Seki. Watanabe, in preparation for his

KOREAN RATINGS
BY THE KOREAN BOXING COMMISSION
(AS OF AUGUST 31, 1982)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Byung-Rae Yuh
2. Son-Kap Choi

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chang-Il Lim
1. Chang-Hwan Noh
2. Byung-In Chang
3. Jin-Nam Kim
4. Chong-Duk Kim
5. Chil-Do Bae
6. Baek-Yong Park
7. Myung-Hwan Shin
8. Byung-Nam Choi
9. Yung-Kil Chang
10. No Listing

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Ho Kim
1. Kyung-Min Nah
2. Kyung-Son Kim
3. Chi-Keun Song
4. Jae-Yung Yuh
5. Jung-Won Moon
6. Bum-Yuong Lee
7. Bok-Kyu Lim
8. Sang-Ho Lee
9. No Listing
10. No Listing

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Seung-Soon Lee
1. Jae-Young Park
2. Kyu-Sang Yuh
3. Wang-Ki Chung
4. Yung-Sop Suh
5. Jung-Won Park
6. Hi-Yung Lee
7. Song-Ki Chin
8. No Listing
9. No Listing
10. No Listing

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Kyung-Hwan Chae
1. Young-Dae Kim
2. Hwang Woo
3. Tae-Hoon Park
4. Sung-Oh Hwang
5. Jae-Seung Yuh
6. Tae-Wang Kang
7. Sang-Hyun Baek
8. Ki-Hoon Kwak
9. Keun-Yung Nam
10. Young-Taek Kim

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Hong-Kyu Lim
1. Pil-Koo Lee
2. Kwang-Min Kim
3. Park Hang
4. Kyu-Woon Choi
5. Seo-Haeng Lee
6. In-Chang Kim
7. Chong-Hak Lee
8. Dong-Eun Shin
9. Young-Soo Cho
10. Ok-Yung Kim

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Dong-Koo Woo
1. Kyung-Soo Hong
2. Yang Il
3. Young-Ho Oh
4. Young-Sae Oh
5. Sun-Woo Chung
6. Min-Soo Lee
7. Chong-Kwon Ahn
8. Chong-Pyo Kim
9. Tae-Kook Park
10. Myung-Joo Song

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Oh-Yung Lee
1. Min-Keun Oh
2. Dong-Soo Cha
3. Sung-Hyun Yuh
4. Son-Young Kim
5. Jung-Han Hwang
6. Sang-Jun Cha
7. Yung-Shik Kim
8. Jun-Ho Bae
9. Ok-Young Kim
10. Choi-Son Lee

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chang-Jung Chun
1. Seung-In Suh
2. Seung-Don Yang
3. Sang-Yun Choi
4. Sang-Yul Ahn
5. In-Kil Kang
6. Ki-Yung Chung
7. Dong-Yung Kim
8. Kwan-Won Lee
9. Soon-Chul Lee
10. Byung-Kuk Oh

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Young-Hwan Oh
1. Chong-Soo Lee
2. Kwon Chul
3. Ji-Won Kim
4. Jae-Hun Kim
5. You-Kyung Huh
6. Kang-San Lee
7. Tae-Sang Chun
8. Seung-Yun Oh
9. Ho-Man Kim
10. Jung-Woo Chun

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Ok-Kyung Yuh
1. Kwang-Sok Lee
2. In-Wan Hwang
3. Ik-No Ahn
4. You-Uk Joo
5. Chang-Yung Park
6. Munk-Yun Joo
7. Doo-Bok Cha
8. Soo-Duk Suh
9. Seung-Il Lee
10. Soon-Ki Chae

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Chul Park
1. Chan-Soo Chung
2. Soon-Jung Kang
3. Ki-Ho Shin
4. Kwang-Ho Song
5. Do-Jun Shin
6. Jae-Shik Lee
7. Dong-Chun Lee
8. Yong-Tae Kim
9. Soo-Kon Chang
10. Sang-Mun Lee

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Ho-Chul Pyun
1. Mun-Jin Choi
2. Soon-Yun Mah
3. Oh-Kong Son
4. Yong-Hyun Kim
5. Min-Woong Kim
6. Jung-Hwan Kim
7. Yun-Ho Park
8. Chong-Kwan Chung
9. Kyung-Shik Park
10. Ma-Lo Ji

Korean boxers holding world titles: Chul-Ho Kim (WBC super flyweight).

Korean boxers holding OPBF titles: Soo-Hang Lee (light heavyweight), Chong-Pal Park (middleweight), In-Chul Baek (junior middleweight), Jun-Sok Hwang (welterweight), Sang-Hyun Kim (junior welterweight), Deuk-Koo Kim (lightweight), Tae-Jin Moon (junior lightweight), Hwan-Kil Yuh (featherweight), Soon-Hyun Chung (junior featherweight), Soon-Chun Kwon (junior bantamweight), Hong-Soo Yang (flyweight), Sung-Nam Kim (junior flyweight).

Other Korean boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Chung-Jae Hwang (#10 WBA welterweight), Sang-Ho Lee (#3 WBA junior welterweight), Heung-Sok Yuh (#10 WBA lightweight), Chung-Il Choi (#4 WBC super featherweight), Il-Bok Lee (#9 WBC super featherweight), Seung-Hoon Lee (#5 WBC bantamweight; #3 WBA), Hi-Sop Shin (#5 WBA flyweight), Jung-Koo Chang (#5 WBA junior flyweight, #3 WBC), Hwan-Jin Kim (#10 WBA junior flyweight; #9 WBC).

first defense against Argentine Gustavo Ballas, looked very sharp.

In the semi-final ten, Yuto Kazaki, 112, ran his unblemished record to 6-0 with five kayoes with a quick TKO over Isao Kimura, 109, at 1:23 of the opening round. Kazaki's overhand right was the haymaker.

Four rounders: Ikuo Watanabe, 108, stopped Kazuo Fujii, also 108, at 2:19 of the third round. Yoshihito Sueki, 107¼, outscored Yoshinobu Fukui, 107½. Yoshio Mitsuboshi, 112, kayoed Toku Terakado, 111, a 3:01 of the first round. Tomomi Shimabukuro, 125½, finished Yoshihiko Ijuin, 124¾, with seven seconds remaining in the first round of the opener.

Teiken Promotions. Telecast by Nippon TV.

Attendance—1,600.

(07-02-82)

▲ **NAGOYA—Fukiage Hall**—Overweight fly Shinji Takagi, 114½, revealed his lantern jaw and was knocked out by local favorite Shinji Suga, also 114½, in 1:54 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Suga floored him five times—twice in the second and thrice in the next canto.

Suga is now 16-4-5 with five kayoes. Takagi drops to 8-6 with five knockouts.

The semi-final 10 saw Masao Ogata, 128, send veteran Kojiro Saski, 129¾, to the deck four times to score a fine kayo in 2:13 of the third round. Ogata, the JBCs's fifth ranked contender, improved his log to 13-3 with seven kayoes. Sasaki continued a losing run and fell to 14-16-7 with four knockouts.

Four rounders: Hirohisa Katayama, 121¼, drew with Akihiko Mizutani, 121¼. Masato Sato, 110½, fought to a draw with Hitoshi Taniuchi, 110. Seiji Nishida, 107¼, drew with Koya Kamei, 106½. Takamasa Nonoyama, 108, won a shutout decision over Yuichi Hasegawa, 106¼, in the opener.

Matsuda Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,500.

(07-03-82)

▲ **CHIBA—Chiba City Park Gymnasium**—Having been stopped by Eijiro Murata in a bid for the OPBF bantamweight crown in March, Japanese champ Shuichi Isogami engaged in his second defense of the national 118-pound title. Isogami, 117½, was a slow starter as usual, but battered Kaysuyuki Ohashi, 118, onesidedly and halted him at 1:35 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.

The semi-final 10 saw awkward swinger Sadao Saito, 143¾, knock out Nobutaka Kuwata, 143¼, in 2:50 of the sixth.

Rusher Kawaguchi, 125, scored a TKO win over Tsutomu Hasegawa, 124¼, at 1:52 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight.

Four rounders: Koji Kaneda, 116¼, outscored Daizo Suga, 118. Hiroyuki Kyoda, 126, demolished Naokazu Hirano, 124½, at 1:30 of the third round. Jitsuo Iwasaki, 126, drew with Noboru Hayashi, 125½. Hideo Kondo, 108¾, impressively halted Yasuyuki Tsuruoka, 108½, at 1:51 of the opening round. Shunji Takamatsu, 123½, outpointed Akira Yabuuchi, also 123½, in the opener.

No telecast. Attendance—1,600.

(07-09-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Eijiro Murata, 118, registered a one punch kayo over Thai Sakdisamai Chorsirirat, 117½, to retain his OPBF bantamweight crown for the ninth time. Time was 2:37 of the fifth round in a scheduled 12. Murata's right uppercut produced a flattened pancake, and referee Hiroyuki Tezaki counted out the short Thai import. Murata, 25, upped his log to 21-1-3 with thirteen knockouts. Sakdisamai fell to 23-9-1, including 16 kayoes.

Takashi Suzuki, 118¼, won a majority decision over Takaharu Nishimura, 119½, six.

Yoshiyuki Uchida, 112, survived two knockdowns in the first round, and fought back hard to automatically stop Masaki Sono, 111, at 2:32 of the second round in a six. Uchida, this year's *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney winner, is a give-and-take battler who tabbed nine consecutive kayoes. He is 9-1 and his sole defeat was seen in his debut against Hiroyasu Kato (which Ucida avenged with a first round kayo last November).

Four rounders: Shigeji Tamaoki, 116¼, decisioned Soichi Ono, 117. Masahiro Sasaki, 122, won from Kenzo Ishibashi, 122½. Shingo Hayasaka, 110¼, dropped Takuto Misawa, 110, in the third round, winning a shutout nod. Mamoru Nakoshi, 125¼, halted Toshitaka Suzuki, 124, at 1:50 of the second round in the opener.

Kaneko Promotions. Telecast by TBS TV.

Attendance—1,500.

(07-17-82)

▲ **ITAMI CITY—Itami Sports Center**—Up-and-coming junior welterweight Hidekazu Akai, 141½, proved too strong for Fred Chin, an import from Guam at 142, with a solid right 86 seconds into the opening session in a scheduled ten. Akai, the WBA's sixth ranked 140-pounder, has registered 11 kayoes in a row in as many pro bouts.

Masahide Ikehara, 125, stopped Fumio Nada, 124½, at 1:03 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Shinichi Sugita, 111½, shutout decisioned Akio Asaura, 110½. Hideyuki Komatsu, 122, won from Sadatoyo Tobiyo, 122. Hiranobu Watakuchi, 111½, eked out a split nod over Akihisa Ogawa, 110½. Kazuaki Kawashima, 106½, dropped Hiroo Tsuchiya, 107, twice and was awarded a kayo win 110 seconds into the first round. Iwao Nishikawa, 134¼, was also a kayo winner over Masayoshi Tanaka, 113¼, at 2:11 of the opening round. Masayoshi Matsuura, 121¼, outscored Hiroshi Tsutsumi, 120½, in the opener.

Kambayashi Promotions. Telecast through TV Asahi in the Kansai district.

Attendance—6,000.

(07-19-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—This card was made up of 11 four-rounders in the annual *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tournaments. Masaaki Ebara, 130, outpointed Shigemasa Ando, 129¼. Mitsunori Sato, 130, drew with Tomoyuki Oya, 127¾, but the former was entitled to proceed to the next bout in the tourney. Hajime Sato, 111, halted Shunji Ueno, 112, at 1:49 of the second round. Ryuji Tanimura, 112, polished off Kazuhiko Nakagawa, 112, at 2:04 of the first round. Kenji Nemoto, 111¾, outscored Manabu Honma, 111. Kinya Nakamura, 108, decisioned Nobuaki Sakauchi, 108. Tomohiro Kiyuna, 104¼, looked sharp and stopped Toshio Oki, 108, at 1:09 of the second round. Mitsuyuki Imaizumi, 107½, outpointed Hiroshi Yamasako, 107¼. Koji Yagiu, 108, won from Katsuo Imai, 107½. Yoshinari Furusawa, 108, decisioned Shigeo Matsumoto, also 108. Toshimi Miura, 108, outpointed Hisashi Nakatomi, 106¾, in the opener.

Presented by East Japan *Shinjin-o* Committee. No telecast.

Attendance—1,000.

(07-23-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Following the relinquishment of the Japanese junior flyweight title by Tadashi Tomori, an elminator took place here.

Neglected underdog Katsumi Sato, 107, dropped lefty Hiroyuki Tada, 106¾, with a smashing right in the second round, and won a close but unanimous decision, 10. Referee Takeshi Shimakawa and judges Masakazu Uchida and Hiroyuki Tezaki all agreed with 98-96 scores for Sato. Tada, formerly a sparring partner of Yoko Gushiken, looked aggressive in the last half.

Sato, 23, has a less than spectacular record of 10-10-4 with two kayoes. Tada fell to 10-5-1 with three kayoes. An upset!

In a supporting 10, Yoshito Toriumi, 109, halted Koji Yamamoto, 110¼, at 2:08 of the fourth round.

The new champ's twin brother, Kiyomi Sato, 107½, was knocked out cold by fast-rising lefthander Kentoku Nakama, 108, in 2:44 in the third canto of an eight. Nakama, from Okinawa, looked very promising with his lightening speed. He is 8-1-1 with four kayoes.

Four rounders: Masakatsu Sakuma, 114½, eked out a hairline nod from Hiroshi Kizato, 114½. Susumu Nemoto, 128, demolished Junichi Futagami, also 128, 46 seconds into the second round. Sensational six-foot junior welterweight Nobuyuki Tabata, 143, ran his kayo streak to five as he disposed of Hawk Tatsuya, 145½, at 2:05 of the first round. Koji Kawamura, 110¼, lost to Yusuke Matsumura, 110¼. Akifumi Matsumoto, 115, decisioned Nobuyuki Sudo, 113¾. Toshitsugu Mitsui, 107½, outpointed Takeshi Toh, 108, in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Saito Promotions. Telecast by Fuji TV.

Attendance—1,500.

(07-26-82)

▲ **YOKOHAMA—Cultural Gymnasium**—Unbeaten lefty Rikuo Watanabe, the JBC's third ranked junior flyweight, 107¼, suffered his first setback at the hand of Yoshiaki Nojima, 108, losing a majority decision, 10. Nojima showed his best in round seven, when he attacked the heavy favorite with his combinations and had him at bay. Watanabe attempted to retaliate with his desperate rallies, but Nojima caught him with more accurate counters in the last three rounds. Scoring: 98-96, 97-95 (both for Nojima), and 97-97. Nojima, 23, is 10-5-2 with two kayoes. Watanabe, coached by ex-WBA champ Shozo Saijyo, fell to 8-1 with two kayoes.

Miharu Muto, 138, utilized his vaunted footwork and earned a close but unanimous nod over Nobuyuki Chisaka, 139, in eight.

Four rounders: Takemasa Kuwata, 158¾, made a successful pro debut by Koji Honma, 157½, at 3:02 of the second round. Kuwata, son of former baseball home run king

THAI RATINGS
BY THE THAI BOXING COMMISSION
(AS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1982)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Satanfa S. Pratip
1. Tongta Kiatvayupak
2. Sansakdi Muangsurin
3. Burirum Suenmisakavan
4. Mana Premchai
5. Jong Sathiragym
6. Kunphol Sakornphitak

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Kongrug Vocharernrat
1. Kanakorn Thaphoothai
2. Petchsayarm Petcharern
3. Thom Singthanongsakdi

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Downthong Chuvatana
1. Jenrub Muangsurin
2. Somdej Sakdiphipus
3. Suradej Klongphajorn
4. Keovanoi Kiatsingnoi
5. Nanthabureng Leadbankye
6. Chokchai Kiatsingnoi
7. Chainarong Chuttinavy
8. Sakad Pornthavee
9. Rakthae Muangsurin
10. Rakchart Kiatvayuphak

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Phadedsuk Pisnurachun
1. Dorn Sornsakdisith
2. Ngoohuoleg Lukakadyotin
3. Sansakdi Sithlukmuang
4. Usopnoi Lukakadyotin
5. Kongkiat Sithmanun
6. Vechayun Senaphitak
7. Prichar Nabanmee
8. Sangsakdi Kittikasem
9. Monkorndum Muangsurin
10. No Listing

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Nugprachan Kiatkumchai
1. Santhi Donjadee
2. Suban Muangsurin
3. Dedkad Kiatbunyong
4. Sungud Saksuree
5. Kolnyuth P. Punyuth
6. Sangthong Chanjeelar
7. Manus Lo-ngerng
8. Pharjan Sithsathaporn
9. Thumngerng Kiatbunthit
10. Nongthom Singthanongsak

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Dejvarin Hollywood
1. Thaveekoon Chorsuenanan
2. Morkasakdi Muangsurin
3. Sakda Saksuree
4. Dejumnuen Singthanongsakdi
5. Pornpanoi Rangnokthai
6. Arcadej Singjomthong
7. Thournthanong Sorphajorn
8. Duangprasert Sorsembutr
9. Samart Pharyakaroon
10. Ekaluk Singnakornlong

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Sakdisamai Chorsiritat
1. Phichitsuk Kor-u-sayarm
2. Kom Chartsurat
3. Mongkol Kiatjongrat
4. Surija Pratumvadee
5. Somdej Phumchai
6. Yuthchai Charlermchaigym
7. Khangthongnoi Kiatsingnoi
8. Prasong Sithkempetch
9. Lamthong Sorphayathai
10. No Listing

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Phaktai Osodsapha
1. Brabtorani Luklumpakchee
2. Pharyoa Thoolthatat
3. Nasai Charlemchaigym
4. Suvan Silpaya
5. Muns Petchyindee
6. Gun Keowprasert
7. Ali Baba Luklongtan
8. Sombutr Chubvatana
9. Thani Jsingchurvang
10. No Listing

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Dan Pisalchai
1. Petchnagam Chuvatana
2. Chutmongkol Thairungriang
3. Leg Fairtax
4. Charloa Muangsurin
5. Downrojana Rojanaseree
6. Thongberm Lukmaturee
7. Monsayarm H. Mahachai
8. Saitrang Tiantheran
9. Chandang Singchuevung
10. Veerachi Vongprasert
No Listing

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Champion
Wonchai Singchatvan
1. Jownaeranoi Jomkatha
2. Srithancha Sithsanae
3. Luk-odd Phitiporn
4. Pharmeechai Sithpornpan
5. Samart Sakadam
6. Ratanachai Punvit
7. Suriya Pratumvadee
8. Sakolnakorn Kiatmuangtrang
9. Komleg Sorthanikul
10. Borvonmongkol Singchuevung

Thai boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Vichit Muangroi-et (#3 WBA junior featherweight), Pongpan Sorphayathai (#7 WBA super bantamweight), Kaosai Galassy (#10 WBC super flyweight).

Takeshi Kuwata, was cheered. Jun Hoki, 110, drew with Kazuyoshi Kishi, also 110. Yoshio Mitsuboshi, 112, halted Akihiko Watanabe, also 112. Norihiro Sekida, 139½, won a hairline nod from Shigeki Matsui, 139¾. Chojun Yara, 122, stopped Tadashi Hatakeyama, 121½, at the end of the second round. Chuji Takahashi, 29-year-old boy with a 0-3 record at 134½, won his first by stopping Koichi Kitayama, 135, 29 seconds into the second round.

Tokai Kawai Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—3,000.

(07-30-82) JOE Y. KOIZUMI

KOREA

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Unbeaten junior flyweight puncher Jung-Koo Chang, the WBC's fifth ranked contender at 109¾, dropped Amado Ursua, former world champion also at 109¾, in the sixth round, and took a unanimous decision in 10 upset rounds. It was Amado's first appearance since losing his WBC throne to Tadashi Tomori in Tokyo on April 13. The 19-year-old Korean stalked the ex-champ all the way. Scoring: referee Jae-Keun Kim, 99-95; judges Chin-Un Chung and Kwang-Soo Kim, 100-94 and 100-93, respectively—all in Chang's favor. Chang improved his unblemished record to 19-0 with eight kayoes. The dejected Ursua fell to 28-9 with 23 knockouts.

Chang is scheduled to meet Panamanian Hilario Zapata in a bid for the WBC 108-pound crown in Korea in September.

In a supporting 10, Korean junior welterweight champ Kyung-Hwan Chae, 139, decisioned Sung-Oh Hwang, also 139, showing his cleverness. Chae is now 15-4-2 including two kayoes.

Four rounders: Byung-Kuk Oh, 121¼, stopped Sang-Yul Kwak, 120¼, at 1:44 of the third round. Won-Kyu Lee, 147¾, outscored Jong-Suk Lee, 147½. Jung-Pyo Kim, 115¼, decisioned Ho-Jung Kim, 115¾. Ju-Yul Park, 124, outpointed Bong-Chun Park, 125¼. Sang-Man Lee, 114½, won from Myung-Soo Kim, 114¾, in the opener.

Ho-Yun Chin's Kukdong Promotions. Telecast by KBS TV.

(07-10-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Sok-Chul Bae, the WBC's eighth ranked super flyweight at 118, pounded out a unanimous decision over former WBC light flyweight boss Sung-Jun Kim, 116¾, 10.

The aggressive Bae had Kim take a standing count midway in the fifth round. Bae missed plenty, but there's no doubt that he was the victor.

Bae is now 16-2-1 with eight kayoes. Kim impaired to 28-13-6 including 13 knockouts.

In the sem-final 10, Korea's top bantam contender, Chong-Soo Lee, 119, halted veteran Arnel Arrozal, 119, at 2:39 of the fifth round. Lee swarmed over the Filipino, who had challenged Chan-Hee Park and Tae-Shik Kim in his bids for their world flyweight titles. Lee downed Arnel to the ropes with his aggressiveness twice, and his follow up was such that the Korean referee declared a halt.

Lee upped his log to 15-5-1, including 10 kayoes.

In the first ten, Seung-Don Yang, 124½, outscored Chan-Kyum Kim, 124¼. Yang is now 8-2 with two knockouts.

Chong-Kwon Ahn, 130½, outscored Myung-Sub Shin, also 130½, eight.

Tae-Sang Joon, 120¼, won from Kyu-Kun Park, 119½, eight.

Do-Jun Shin, 114¼, outpointed Hyung-Shik Lim, 114¼, eight.

Kyu-Chan Cho, 114, stopped Sung-Il Kim, 114¾, at 2:09 of the second session of the six-round opener.

Wa-Ryong Yuh's Waryong Promotions.

(07-11-82)

▲ **CHUNCHON—Chunchon Indoor Gymnasium**—Hard punching Korean Sa-Wang Kim, 133½, failed to turn the tables against Filipino Rod Sequenan, 134½, being knocked out in 1:04 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10-round rematch.

Sa-Wang, who once challenged WBA titlist Eusebio Pedroza, fell to 18-3 with fourteen kayoes.

In the semi, fast-rising Woo Hwang, 141, outscored Sung-Ho Kim, 140¼, 10. Hwang now is 9-1-2 with two knockouts.

Tae-Kuk Park, 131¾, stopped Keun-Yong Nam, 131½, at 1:11 of the second round in an eight.

Yong-Kil Choi, 116¾, decisioned Sung-Kyu Cho, 118, six.

Chong-Rae Hong, 125¼, halted Ki-Nam Mam, 126, at 1:18 of the third canto in the scheduled four-round opener.

Il-Hwa Promotions.

(07-11-82)

▲ **CHUNJOO—Chunjoo Indoor Gymnasium**—Unbeaten prospect Sang-Ho Lee, the WBA's fourth ranked junior welterweight at 140½, demolished Australian champ Peter Berrigan, 140, at 0:55 of the second round in a scheduled 10. It was ballyhooed as an encounter of the unbeaten punchers. Lee, however, dropped Peter with a smashing left hook in the opening session, and with the same punch, sent him into dreamland in the next canto. Lee improved to 23-0 with 19 knockouts. Berrigan suffered his first setback and fell to 17-1-1 with eight kayoes.

The semi-final 10 saw Yong-Dae Kim, 142¼, outpoint Tae-Wang Kang, 140½, in the former's first appearance after his campaigns in Japan.

Jae-Hun Kim, 118½, was held to a draw by less experienced Ho-Man Kim, 119, in the first 10.

Yuh-Kyong Hou, 118½, decisioned Sung-Yun Oh, also 118½, eight.

Kwang-Chul Ahn, 110¼, won a technical decision over Yun-Keun Kim, 110¼, at 2:06 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Yong-Bin Kim, 129, outpointed Suk-Chan Kim, 128½. Ki-Soo Kim, 116¼, won from Sun-Ho Kim, 116¼. Kyong-Suk Kim, 111¼, decisioned Young-Min Park, 111. Dae-Suk Kim, 109½, won from Yong-Soo Kim, 109½, in the opener.

Kyu-Chul Kim-s Wonjin Promotions.

(07-18-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—OPBF junior feather-weight champion Soon-Hyun Chung, *The Ring* International Panel's ninth ranked 122-pounder, impressively flattened Japanese challenger Kenichi Ito, 122, with a smashing one-two combination in 1:07 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12. Chung, 121¾, cleverly had Ito punch out in the first three rounds. Then it was a onesided slaughter until the knockout Chung, a good boxer-puncher, is now 27-5 with sixteen kayoes.

Kyung-Soon Kim, 155½, outscored Jung-Won Moon, 154¾, eight.

Four rounders: Hi-Sub Kim, 135½, decisioned Shi-Chang Kim, 136¾. Il-Jin Kim, 114¾, outscored Ho-Hyun Kim, 114¼. Hyun-Sub Byon, 128¼, won from Byung-Ki Choi, 130. Sang-Suk Bang, 112¼, stopped Yung-Chun Chung, 112½, in the opener.

This card started at noon.

Soon-Jong Suh's Saeki Promotions.

(07-18-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—OPBF middleweight champion Chong-Pal Park, 158¾, made short work of Indonesian challenger Valence Harulean, also 158¾, disposing of him at 1:44 of the second round in a scheduled 12. Park, the WBA's sixth ranked 160-pounder, felt out the overmatched underdog, and exploded solid lefts to the belly. The Indonesian sank on the deck and was counted out by the KBC referee. Park upped his log to 26-2-1 with 25 kayoes. Valence impaired to 20-4-1 including 12 knockouts.

It was a doubleheader featuring two OPBF title competitions. The first 12 rounder saw sturdy lefty Deuk-Koo Kim, the OPBF lightweight champ, 135, batter Japanese challenger Tadao Ishido, 134, so effectively that the latter retired 10 seconds into the fifth round. Actually, Ishido refused to come out for the fifth.

Junior feather Seung-In Suh, 125¼, impressively demolished Duk-Hwan Bae, 124½, at 2:34 of the ninth round in the supporting 10.

Sow-Haeng Lee, 137½, stopped Kun-Soo Park, 134¼, at 2:44 of the sixth round in an eight.

Sang-Youl Ahn, 124, outscored Ki-Tae Kim, also 124, eight.

Tae-Jin Kim, 127¾, decisioned Joung-Suk Lim, 127¾, six.

Four rounders: Yo-Hwan In, 135¾, technically stopped Ki-Mak Sung, 136¼, in the fourth and final round. Hae-Kyong Chung, 140½, drew with Kwang-Kyon Chung, 140¾. Yong-Kyu Choi, 131½, and Jae-Koo Lee, 132, drew in the opener.

Hyn-Chi Kim'-s Dong-A Promotions. Telecast by MBC TV.

This card started at 4:00 p.m.

(07-18-82)

▲ **DAEJON—Chungmu Gymnasium**—Ranked ninth by the WBC, junior lightweight hope Il-Bok Lee, 131¾, was continually aggressive and Filipino Chito Adigue, 130, was unable to answer the bell to begin the ninth round of a scheduled ten. The elongated Lee improved his log to 21-3 with 14 kayoes.

The semi-final saw Chan-Chung Chun, 122, become the new Korean junior featherweight titlist by decisioning Ki-Yung Chung, the defending champ, also 122, 10. Chun is now 10-2-3 with four kayoes. Chung fell to 18-4-1 including three knockouts.

Jae-Shik Lee, 117, won from Yong-Ho Yun, 118, eight.

Four rounders: Jin-Ho Kim, 135¼, outpointed Un-Kwang Cho, 135¼. Ik-Won Kim, 114½, beat Kap-Soo Song, 114½, in the opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions. Telecast by KBS TV.

(07-18-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Former WBA junior flyweight champ Hwan-Jin Kim, 112¼, returned to ring action for the first time since losing his crown to Katsuo Tokashiki last December.

Kim won a technical decision over Yong-Hyun Kim, former OPBF titlist, at 110¼ at 0:54 into the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

From the start, Hwan-Jin utilized his superior speed and battered the peekaboo stylist, Yong-Hyun, until a clash of heads opened a wide gash over Hwan-Jin's right eyebrow.

Hwan-Jin is now 21-1-2 with seven kayoes. Yong-Hyun dropped to 18-8-3 with four knockouts.

In the semi, Hong-Kyu Lim, 135, became the new Korean lightweight champion by copping a decision from Hang Park, also 135, 10. The national title was relinquished by Pil-Koo Lee, who had succeeded Deuk-Koo Kim (the current OPBF lightweight champ). Lim, a fast-rising hope, upped his record to 16-1 with 11 knockouts. Park tasted his first defeat and fell to 8-1 with three kayoes.

Soon-Chul Lee, 123, drew with Byung-Kuk Oh, 122¾, eight.

Rae-Ki Ahn, 109¼, stopped Chung-Wo Lee, 109¾, at 2:58 of the third canto.

Ki-Wk Chang, 124, won from Sang-Don Lee, 125¼, six.

Four rounders: Ki-Toul Kang, 119, TKO'd Hi-Youl Chu, 116½, at 2:41 of the second round. Kyung-Duk Ahn, 138½, decisioned Sok-Nam Uw, 137¾, in the opener.

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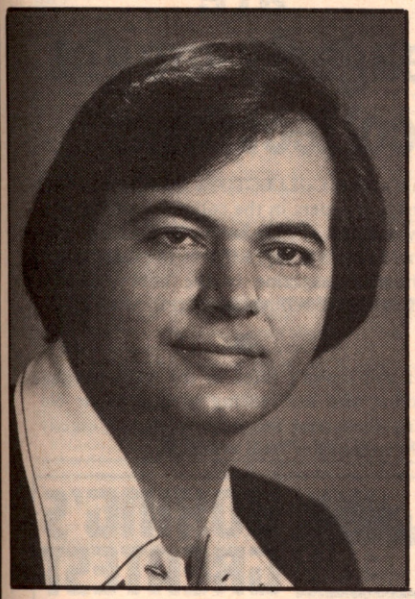

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Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions. Telecast by KBS TV.
(07-24-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—**Tall lefty Soo-Hang Lee, 172¾, became the first Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation light heavyweight champion as he knocked out Japanese Toshiaki Suzuki, 174½, at 1:14 of the fourth round in a scheduled 12. The 6'1" Lee scored with solid one-two combinations to the fast-fading Suzuki, dropping him twice in the fatal stanza. Suzuki, bleeding from the nose, proved no match for the lanky Korean. Lee is now 5-1-1 with four kayoes. Suzuki is 9-5.

In the semi-final 10, Japanese Seitaro Chinen, 139, scored come-from-behind victory by embalming In-Chang Kim, 140, in 3:02 of the eighth round. Chinen's right to the stomach stretched Kim flat for the count. Before the trick happened, Kim had battered Chinen all to sticks and the latter's face was swollen very badly. Kim fell to 4-1 with two kayoes (with a fine amateur career). Chinen is 9-5-2 with three knockouts.

Wang-Ki Chung, 147¼, drew with Jae-Yong Park, 146¾, in the second 10.

The first 10 saw Jae-Hyung Yuh, 153½ the brother of former world junior middleweight champ Jae-Do Yuh, stop Jae-Hun Kim, 153¼, at 2:22 of the fourth round. Jae-Hyung is 10-3 with seven kayoes.

Min-Wong Kim, 111, and Yun-Ho Park, 110½, drew, eight.

Kwang-Bok Yun, 119¼, stopped Sang-Nam Mah, 118½, 90 seconds into the first round of the six-round opener.

Kang-Po Promotions.
(07-25-82)

▲ **KWANGJOO—Kwangjoo Indoor Gymnasium—**It was a grudge match of former OPBF lightweight champions. Kwang-Min Kim, 139, proved more aggressive than Young-Ho Oh, also 139, copping a unanimous decision, 10.

Kim, a rugged infighter, upped his log to 22-4-1 with seven kayoes.

Oh, a brutal swinger, impaired to 46-9-4 including 29 knockouts.

Kyu-Chan Cho, 115¾, outscored Yung-Sam Cho, 115¾, six.

Ki-Chun Lee, 130, stopped Yong-Ho Kim, 130, at 1:46 of the sixth and final round.

Four rounders: Hyung-Kon Yuh, 113¾, outpointed Byung-Chei Lim, 114¾. Yong-Min Jong, 113½, decisioned Sung-Don Joo, 113¾. Ik-Won Kim, 110¼, stopped In-Yul Baek, 109¼, at 2:03 of the first round in the opener.

Kwang-Soo Kim's Hyundai Promotions.
(07-25-82)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI and YOO-CHANG KIM

PHILIPPINES

▲ **CALAMBA, LAGUNA—**Bantie Berlin Olivetti, 118, won a unanimous decision over Avel Magracia, 117, in 10. Nonofre Perez, referee.

The semi-final saw Sergio Fernando, 115, eke out a split duke from Dommy Pumar, 114, 10.

Charlie Carola, 125, TKO'd Boy Recodo, 124, in the fourth session of an eight.

Jun Bartolome, 144, amazed the crowd by halting Leo Cenas in the first round of the four-round opener.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.

Nicanor C. Celebrado, witness of the GAB (Games and Amusements Board).
(06-02-82)

▲ **CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—**It was a delux card featuring a Filipino title bout, plus five 10-rounders.

Fast-rising Efren Guinieta, 121, seized the Filipino junior featherweight title by knocking out Ric Diamale, the defending champ at 121, in the seventh round of a scheduled 12.

Jun Simbajon, 117, scored a TKO win over Leo Kaki, also 117, in six.

Featherweight Erning Queroben, 124, unanimously decisioned Pepe Olano, 124, 10.

Cesar Layosa, 119, was a TKO victor over Ric Tanza, 119, in the third round.

Rene Anasco, 122, halted Roger Ancajas, also 122, in the seventh round.

Sergio Fernando, 115, barely took a split decision from Dommy Pumar, also 115, in the first 10.

Dr. Antonio Almirante, promoter.
(07-12-82)

▲ **SN. FERNANDO PAMPANGA—**The card was made up of four 10-rounders.

Lito Pena, 136, won a unanimous nod over Little Balsigan, also 136.

The GAB's top junior lightweight contender, Rod Sequenan, 130, decisively beat Ben Estallo, also 130.

Romy Cunanan and Albert Saxon, both at 130, drew.

Rocky Pineda and Efren Baltilan, both scaling 112 pounds, fought in the first 10, with the former copping a unanimous verdict.

Efren Nazal, promoter.
(06-12-82)

▲ **ANTIPOLO, RIZAL—**Bantie Emilio Palacio, 117, lost a unanimous decision to Amado Cabato, also 117, 10.

Grego Garcia, promoter.
(06-12-82)

▲ **L & M GYM, MANILA—**Bantam Rito Donayre, 116, stopped Ruben Baroboza, also 116, in the 10th and final round.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.
(06-15-82)

▲ **TALAVERA, NUEVA ECIJA—**Ranked only fifth by the GAB, Albert Duldulao, 130, impressively wrested the Filipino junior lightweight crown via a unanimous decision from veteran Nene Jun, 128, 10.

Thanks to this important triumph, Duldulao was named "Boxer of the Month" by the Games and Amusements Board.

The semi witnessed Eddie Camero, 127, and Fel Viesca, 129, fight to a majority draw in ten.

Samuel Garcia, promoter.
(06-16-82)

▲ **TAYUMAN, METRO MANILA—**Danilo Limpahan, 140, pounded out a unanimous nod from Flash Romeo, 138½, 10. Joe Lansang, referee.

In the semi, Lorenzo Nabuab, 133, was awarded a majority decision over Johnny Magastino, 135, 10. O. Perez, referee.

Pol Cananga, 125, won a majority decision over Eddie Hipolito, 126, six.

Four rounders: Rizal Ry, 117, stopped Ferdie Ragay, 115½, in the first round.

Ramon Fajardo, 132, TKO'd Joe Ruiz, 132, in the second. Nacor Baulalaque, 120, stopped Ben Patiang, 119, in round two. Bert Hanopol, 123, was a TKO winner over Jesusimo Sawangin, 124, in the first round. Nilo Hernandez, 121, copped a unanimous decision over Nel Piquinto, 120, in the opener.

Alejandro Suansing, promoter.
(06-18-82)

▲ **IMUS, CAVITE—**Little Young, 113, eked out a majority decision over Orlando Gutierez, 110, 10. Rodenas, referee.

Dommy Ursua, Jr., 110, unanimously decisioned Sergio Molabola, 112, six.

Drnie de Asis, 135, won from Rocky Romy, also 135, six.

Four rounders: Roy Valentino, 112, split decisioned Rocky Erando, 112. Freddie Longcayana, 137, won a unanimous nod from Geli Maderazo, 137. Tony Logronio, 127, earned a majority decision over Winston Limbaga, 127¾, in the opener.

Rod Mercado, promoter.

Carlos Roman and Reyato Santos, the GAB's witnesses.
(06-19-82)

▲ **PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex—**Former OPBF junior bantamweight boss William Develos, 118, looked steady on his comeback trail and gained a unanimous decision over Pablo Pepito, also 118, 10. Larry Nadayag, referee.

In the semi, Joe Hiyas, 119, fought Fel Aporto, 119, to a draw, 10.

Allan Makitoki, 113, outscored Rene Busayong, 113, in the first 10.

Jun Bobbier, 112, unanimously whipped Nardo Calugay, 114, eight.

Lito Zarda, 114, outscored Gene Morados, 111, six.

Four rounders: Entes Frencillo, 131, won from Jerry Jariol, 127. Tony Berdida, 108, stopped Rio Asero, 108, in the first round. Pabito Lazola, 120, took a unanimous nod from Roberto San Juan, 117½, in the opener.

Flash Elorde's Galorde Enterprises, promoter.

Vibrilio S. delos Reyes, the GAB's witness.
(06-19-82)

▲ **CLARK AIR BASE—**Veteran Fred Pastor, 147, battled to a split draw with Fred Galang, 147½, 10. Cris Pineda, referee.

Efren Nazal, promoter.

Voltaire Reverente, the GAB's witness.
(06-22-82)

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▲ **CLARK AIR BASE**—Bantie Efren Bantillan, 116, pounded out a unanimous decision over Al Sicat, 116¾, 10. Cris Pineda, referee.
Efren Nazal, promoter.
Valtaire Reverente, the GAB's witness.
(06-21-82)

▲ **MAASIN SO. LEYTE**—Bert Lozano, 121, looked impressive as he halted Manny Sacay, 120, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
Southern Leyte, promoter.
(06-27-82)

▲ **EDUARDO'S SUPPER CLUB**—Featherweight Lulu Villaverde, 124½, won a unanimous decision from Elmer Leonardo, 129, 10. Veteran Neptali Alamag, 124, was a unanimous points winner over Danny Canada, 127, 10. Jun Padinit, 120, won a technical decision over Tim Ontic, 120, in the ninth round of the third 10.
Amy Pagana, 131, technically kayoed Little Balsigan, 122½, in the sixth of their 10.
Rocky Pineda, 111½, took a unanimous nod from Tito Gregorio, 112, in the first 10.
Rolly Navarro, 112½, decisioned Roy Rubin, 116, eight.
Rod Mollin, 119½, outscored Remny Siodora, 120, in the six-round opener.
Jesus Abrea, promoter.
Virbilio S. delos Reyes, the GAB's witness.
(06-29-82)

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THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—The TBC's top junior welterweight contender, Kanakorn Thaphoothai, 140, proved too strong for unknown Pempetch Petsingha, 139, stopping him in the second round of a scheduled six.
(06-27-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Petchngam Chuvatana, the top flyweight contender of Thailand, 112, ran his unbeaten record to 9-0 (with seven kayoes) by stopping simon pure Kittisak Pornpissanu, also 112, in the third canto of a six.
(07-01-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Junior bantamweight Nasai Charlermchaigym, 118, dropped an upset decision to Daoroj Kiatpetch, also 118, six. The surprising winner, Daoroj, is now 2-0 (one kayo).
(07-07-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Gun Keowprasert, 117, showed his ring experience in stopping Yodphichit Singsurachai, former Royal Navy Force champion, 115, in the fourth round of a six.
(07-09-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Busy flyweight campaigner Petchngam Chuvatana, 112, continued his winning streak by polishing off Samingnoi Singbankak, also 112, in the first round of a six. Petchngam is now 10-0 with eight kayoes.
(07-12-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaosai Galassy, the TBC's perennial top contender at 117, looked impressive and stopped Indonesian Agus Suyanto, 119, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Time was 2:18 of the round, when Suyanto's cornerman tossed in a towel to save him from further punishment. Suyanto seemed helpless, although he got off the canvas from a bad knockdown for the count of nine. Kaosai, one of the brightest hopes in this country, boosted his log to 12-1 with 11 kayoes.
(07-14-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior featherweight champion Dejvarin Hollywood, 122, displayed his ring cleverness in taking a unanimous decision over Sakda Saksuree, the top contender, in 10 frames.
Nivatt Laosuvanvatt, promoter.
(07-10-82)

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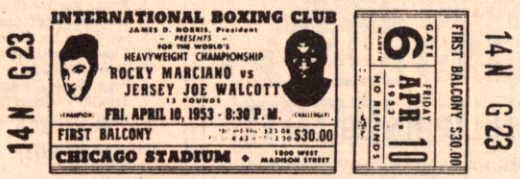

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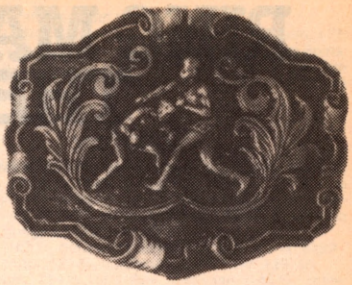

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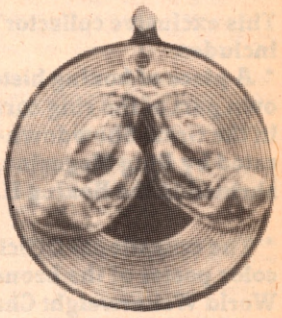

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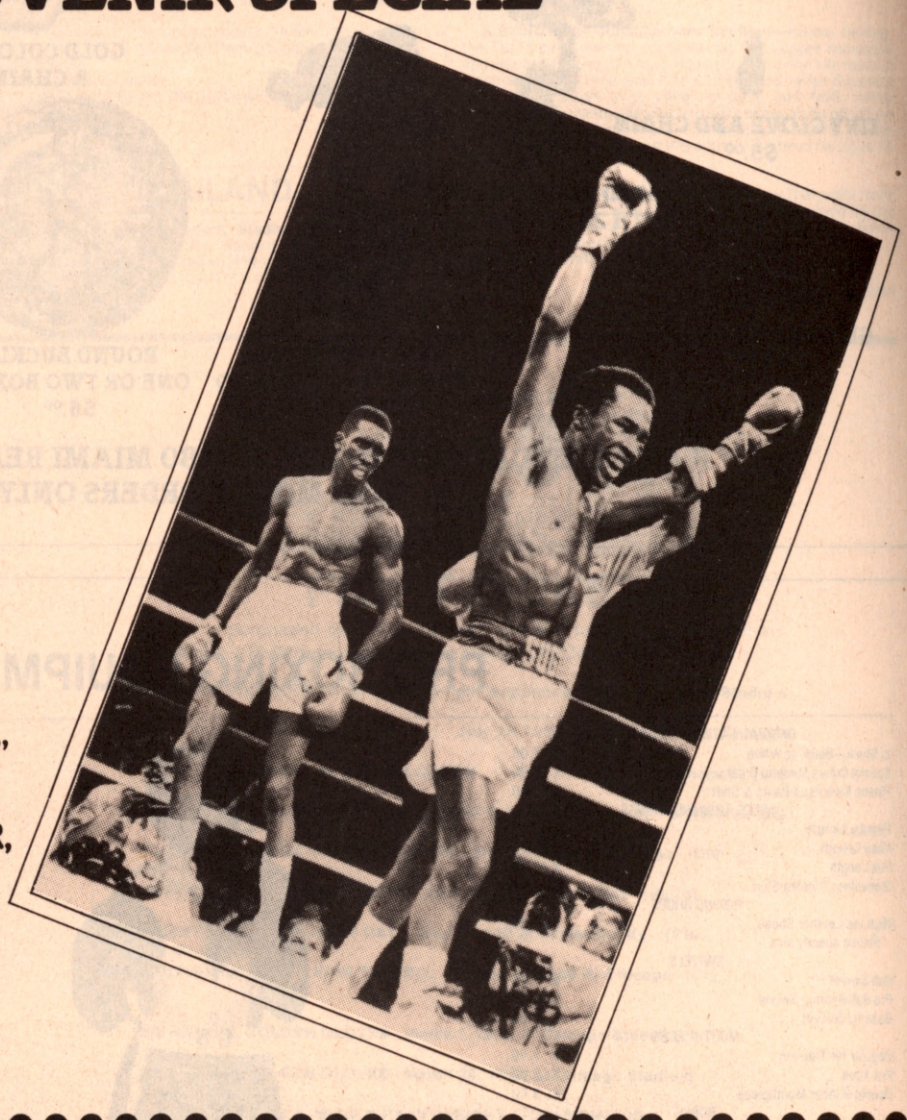

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NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **RATHURST—RSL Club—**Ian Dennis, 150, and Jamie Lewis, 154, drew, 10. The decision of referee Paul Moore and judges John Cauchi and John Wright was split three different ways.

Sensational newcomer Pat Leglise, 141, halted Elley Dennis, 137, in the fifth round of the eight-round semi. Pat is now 5-0, and could become Australian junior welter champ within the next few months.

Alf Bradley, 198, outpointed Graham Bray, 182, six.

Four-rounders: Lou Williams, 134½, outscored Gary Tempest, also 134½. Ducky Dennis, 112, halted Jerry Sauha, 115, in two.
(07-09-82)

▲ **CANLEY VALE—Cabravale Diggers Club—**Disco George, 134½, won a unanimous decision over Dean Thomas, 137, 10. Billy Males, referee. Les Gibbons and Trevor Christian, judges.

Joe Burruni, 159¼, and Eric King, 164, drew, six.

Ron Brown, 141½, outpointed Edin Tugrul, 137, four.

Three-rounders: Roy Alexander, 157, stopped Steve Polson, 142, in one. Bradley Diggins, 146, outpointed John Groves, 143.
(07-09-82)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club—**Tommy Woods, 139, outscored Dean Thomas, 137, in the eight-round main event.

Five-rounders: Peter Thompson, 124, outpointed Bernie Ellis, 135. Peter Lett, 178, outscored Trevor Singleton, 173.
(07-20-82)

▲ **MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club—**Former Australian featherweight champion Gary Williams, 129¼, easily outpointed previously unbeaten Tiger Mann, 129¾, Papua New Guinea, 10. Paul Moore, referee.

Four-rounders: Lou Williams, 134½, stopped Glenn Hillier, 137½, in the second. Russell Sands, 152, outscored Colin Carr, 149¼. Tony Noone, 149¼, outpointed Nooky Curyer, 155½.
(07-21-82)

▲ **GOOSFORD—Central Coast Leagues Club—**Phil (Spider) Davies, 161, proved too elusive for Clint Brown, 160, winning on points clearly, 10.

Punch Pevy, 143, halted Tommy Woods, 140, in round three of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Bobby Williams, 113, outscored Richard Windell, 123. Dinty Marlow, 153, outpointed Neil Mayberry, 147. Peter Lett, 175, stopped Geoff Moody, 176, in three.
(07-28-82)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club—**Kirk Blair, 133, won the vacant New South Wales State lightweight crown with a split decision over Billy Mulholland, 135, 10. Scoring: referee Mick Dunningham, 98-97, Blair; judge Ken Anderson, 98-96, Mulholland; judge Max Wark, 98-94, Blair. This reporter saw it 96-94, Mulholland. A close battle. It was Blair's 48th pro fight, and Mulholland's 57th.

Six-rounders: Sparrow Freeman, 129, outpointed Bernie Ellis, 134. Bobby Williams, 112, outscored Richard Windell, 119. Tony Mark, 151, and Eden Morris, 165, drew.
(08-03-82)

▲ **BROOKVALE—Manly Warringah Leagues Club—**John Siriotis, 145½, knocked out Tony Mark, 154¼, in the first round of a scheduled eight.

Sparrow Freeman, 127¾, and Peter Thompson, 121¼, drew, six.

Prem Chand, 143¼, outscored Bernie Johnson, 141, four.
(08-04-82)

▲ **DAPTO—Leagues Club—**Wayne Mulholland (Billy's younger brother), 121½, the Australian flyweight and NSW State bantam champion, comfortably outscored Roy Huges, 132, 10. John Wright, referee.

Promising Daniel Saylor, 183, halted Graham Bray, 178½, at the end of round two of a scheduled eight. A cut eye forced the stoppage.

Peter Lett, 172, outpointed Eric King, 158¾, six.

Mark Vallance, 143¼, outscored Nooky Curyer, 154¼, four.

Armstrong Waremaki, 127½, outpointed Richard Windell, 116¼, three.
(08-06-82)

QUEENSLAND

▲ **BOONDALL—Homestead Hotel—**Guy Parker, 147, won the Queensland State welter title by outpointing defending champion Dave Bellis, 146, in a 10-round bout that drew a large shower of notes and coins from ringsiders.

Kevin Wagstaff, 176, stopped Ken Morris, 169, in round seven of a scheduled 10 to win the vacant Queensland State cruiserweight title. No knockdowns. Wagstaff just too strong.

Denzil Creed refereed both title bouts.

Six-rounders: Alan Black, 173, outpointed Tuna Wilson, 177. Larry McDonald, 143, outscored Ted Hopkins, 144. Gus Spina, 174, making a comeback after three years' absence, outpointed Abe Johnson, 190, making a comeback after seven years' absence.
(07-16-82)

VICTORIA

▲ **BROADMEADOWS—Town Hall—**Australian bantam, featherweight, and junior light champ Paul Ferreri, 120¼, won an easy unanimous decision over Saipa Monod, 118, Indonesia, 10. Scoring: referee Malcom Bulner, 100-89; judge Ken Brady, 100-87; judge Cliff Heaver, 99-91.

Peter Brian, 163¼, outscored Billy Smith, also 163¼, eight.

Johnny O'Connor, 127¾, outpointed Jay Crowe, 129, six.

Ray Anderson, 154¼, and Ray Ramsden, 148¾, drew, three.
(07-15-82)

▲ **MELBOURNE—Festival Hall—**Former WBA lightweight champion Claude Noel, 135, Trinidad, won the British Commonwealth title with a majority decision over defending champion Barry Michael, 134¾, Australia, 15. Scoring: referee Gus Mercurio, 144-140; judge Ken Brady, 145-144; judge Cliff Heaver, 144-144.

Michael was very disappointed, as he'd hoped to use Noel as a stepping stone to a world title bout. But he made no complaints about the verdict and, indeed, agreed Noel had won.

Noel was lavish in his praise of Michael. He said Barry could still make it to the top.

Michael posed too much, and concentrated too much on fighting instead of mixing fighting with boxing. He seems to have tossed his boxing skills overboard in recent contests, trying to hammer every opponent to the canvas.

No knockdowns, but plenty of thrills.

Jeff Malcolm, Australia's best junior welter (though he does not hold the title) came in heavy at 143¾, but had no trouble with comparatively inexperienced Tony Campbell, 148¾. Referee Ken Brady stopped their scheduled 10-rounder in round five and crowned Malcolm the winner.

Anthony Naidu, Fiji, halted Whizzer Lawrence, 141, in round seven of their scheduled 10.

Shane Rank, 132, outpointed Hans Hefner, 132¼, 10.

Ray Anderson, 152, outscored Ray Ramsden, 148, three.
(07-22-82)

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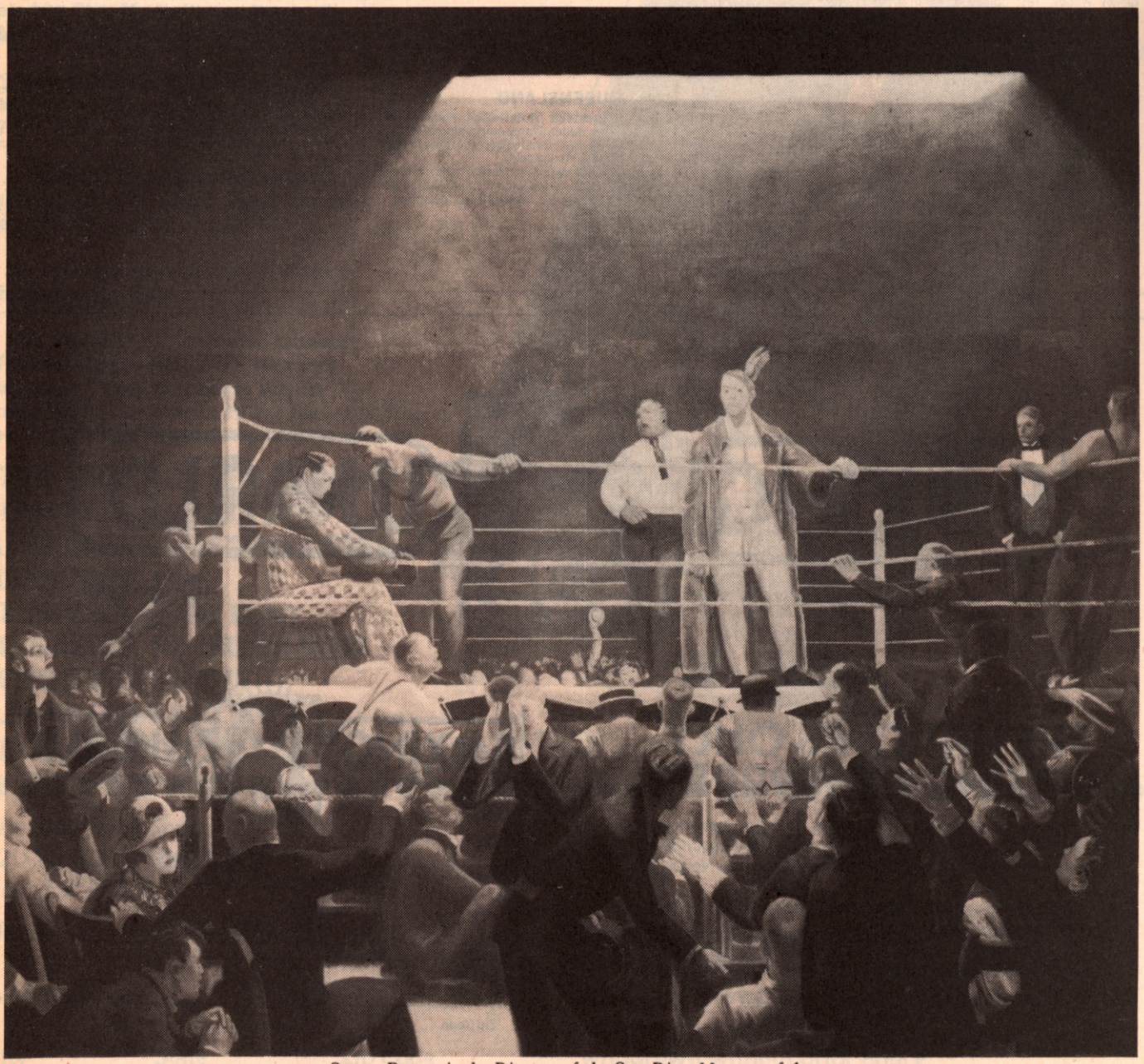
ART CRITICS and polite connoisseurs gave the paintings the cold shoulder. But the guys in the sports department loved it; ". . . Never before has anything like it been done . . . you'll get a kick out of its brutal contrast to the long-haired arty stuff hung near it." (Bob McClellan's Sports Column, *TIMES HERALD*). ¶ George Bellows was the artist, a cigar chomping, 6′2″ fight fan, squatting ringside 'midst smoke and blood, his sketchbook spotted and stained. A man who said "No thanks" to an offer to play ball for the Cincinnati Reds, and chose instead to try his hand at becoming an artist; a man who thumbed the eye of artistic reverence and chose instead to join the Old Masters. He had tried his hand at other subjects: tennis, polo, golf—too tame. He played baseball like a natural and kept a sketch pad stuffed in his locker. But it was the fights that captured his interest and devotion—the darker side of the sporting life.



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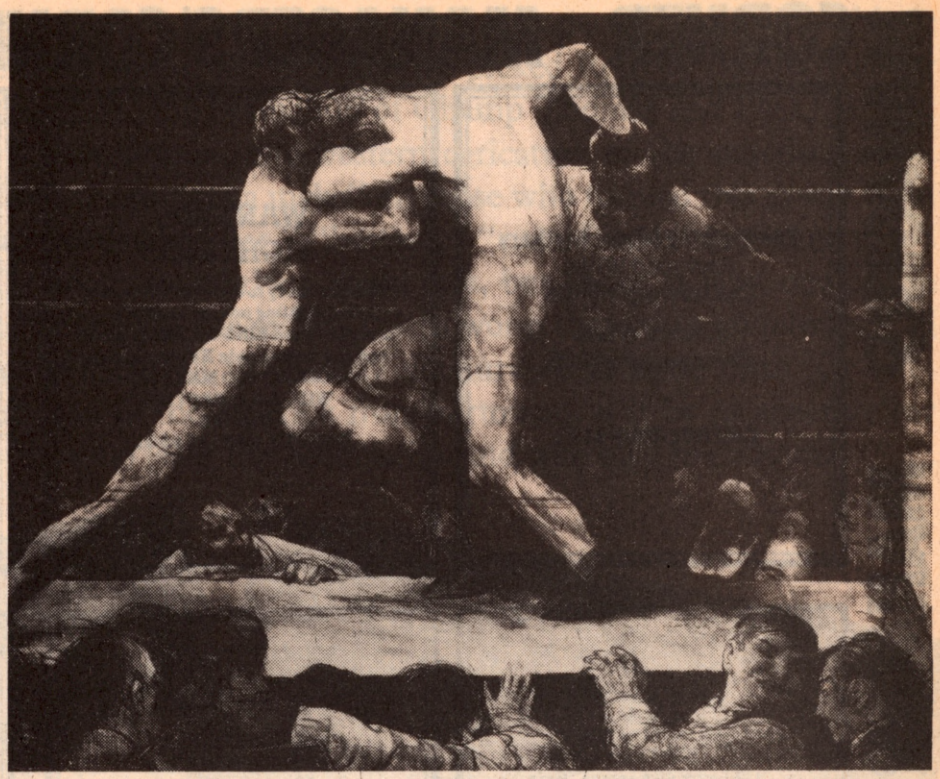
THE SOUR LANGUAGE, THE RANCID AIR, the pop of leather on canvas bags, the grunts of tortured flesh. Let the other guys dabble in their Parisian cafes or render cosmopolitan boating parties on the Seine. Bellows opted for the ring and its gritty mystique—the world which beckoned from the worn benches at Sharkeys, a boxing bar located across the street from his studio—and the savage bouts in backrooms and harbor wharfs.

Since boxing was illegal in the early years of his efforts, his pictures represented something that was largely unknown. The bar was run by Tom Sharkey, a burly ex-pug who called the joint "The Athletic Club." Since the law stipulated that the sweet science could only be practiced by those who were part of an "athletic association," the boys in charge would stage mock inductions into "the club" five minutes before they — now legally — sought to dull one and other's senses. Bellows elbowed his way to the front row, extracted a stick of charcoal and a dog-eared pad, and sketched what he saw with abandon — not just the snarling action in the ring — but the big picture, the arena where the faces and factions milled and shouted their encouragement. For an artist, the conditions were rugged; the lighting was awful — Sharkey was a notorious cheapskate — and in the smokey darkness you had to keep your eyes on both the ring and your pockets.

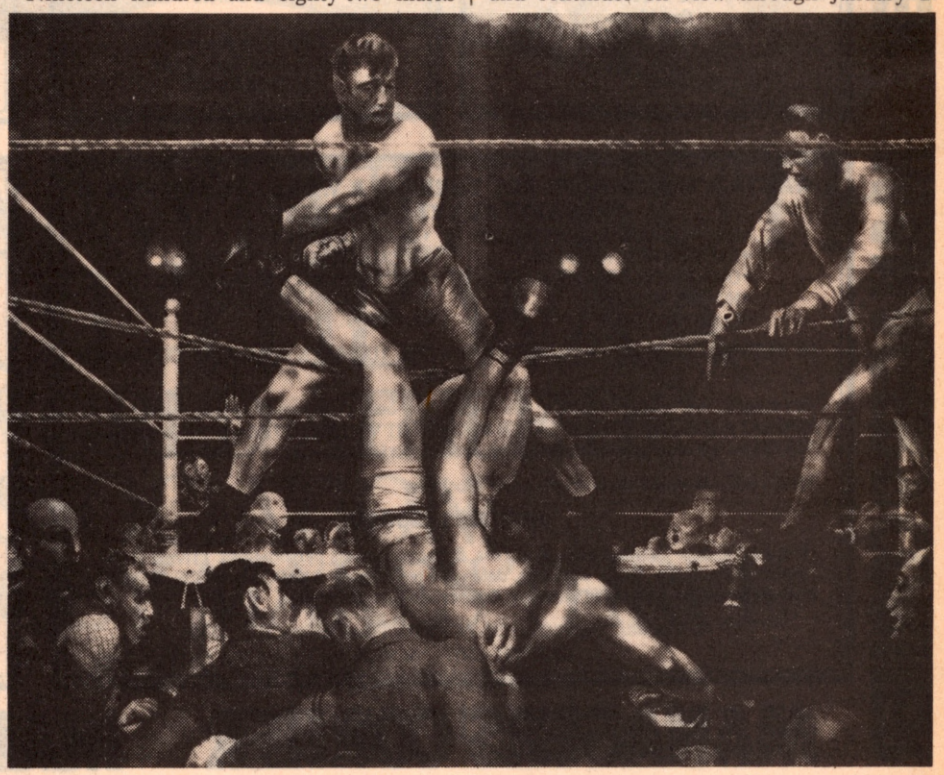
Once a student of the manly art cornered him in a bar and informed him—in so many words—that he had it all wrong: the hands and feet of his rendered pugilists were in positions fighters would never use. Bellows gulped his whiskey, slowly turned to face the detractor and using his cigar for punctuation replied: "You're right. I don't know nothin' bout boxing. I'm just painting two guys trying to kill each other."

A couple of years later he achieved the status of ring "reporter" at big-gate brawls —affording him the opportunity to preside ringside in a wooden chair too near the spit bucket at the Dempsey-Firpo matchup. *The New York Evening Journal* now carried Bellows regularly due to popular demand. He was regarded as a "master" by guys who never heard of Michaelangelo or cared a lick about "some babe known as Mona Lisa." The Polo Grounds were packed and Dempsey found himself in a vicious duel. Firpo, almost unknown outside his native Argentina, was a huge and powerful hulk that stalked his opponents and broke them with leaden blows to the body. At the opening bell, they charged one another and slammed punches in rapid and wincing succession. In the first round Dempsey floored the contender seven times but, then, with one savage, driving blow emanating from somewhere on the outskirts of queer street, Firpo sent Dempsey flying through the ropes, crashing into the screaming confines of the assembled press. Bellows



wrote later ". . . When Dempsey was knocked through the ropes, he fell in my lap. I cursed him a bit and placed him carefully back in the ring with instructions to be of good cheer." In spite of Dempsey's ultimate victory, his trip through the ropes was regarded by the press and the artist as the most exciting point of the match.

Nineteen hundred and eighty-two marks the centennial of the birth of George Bellows and to coincide, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., is offering *Bellows: The Boxing Pictures,* the first exhibition to focus solely on the prizefight scenes of this American master. The exhibition explores this aspect of the artist's career through 39 works drawn from public and private collections and continues on view through January 2.



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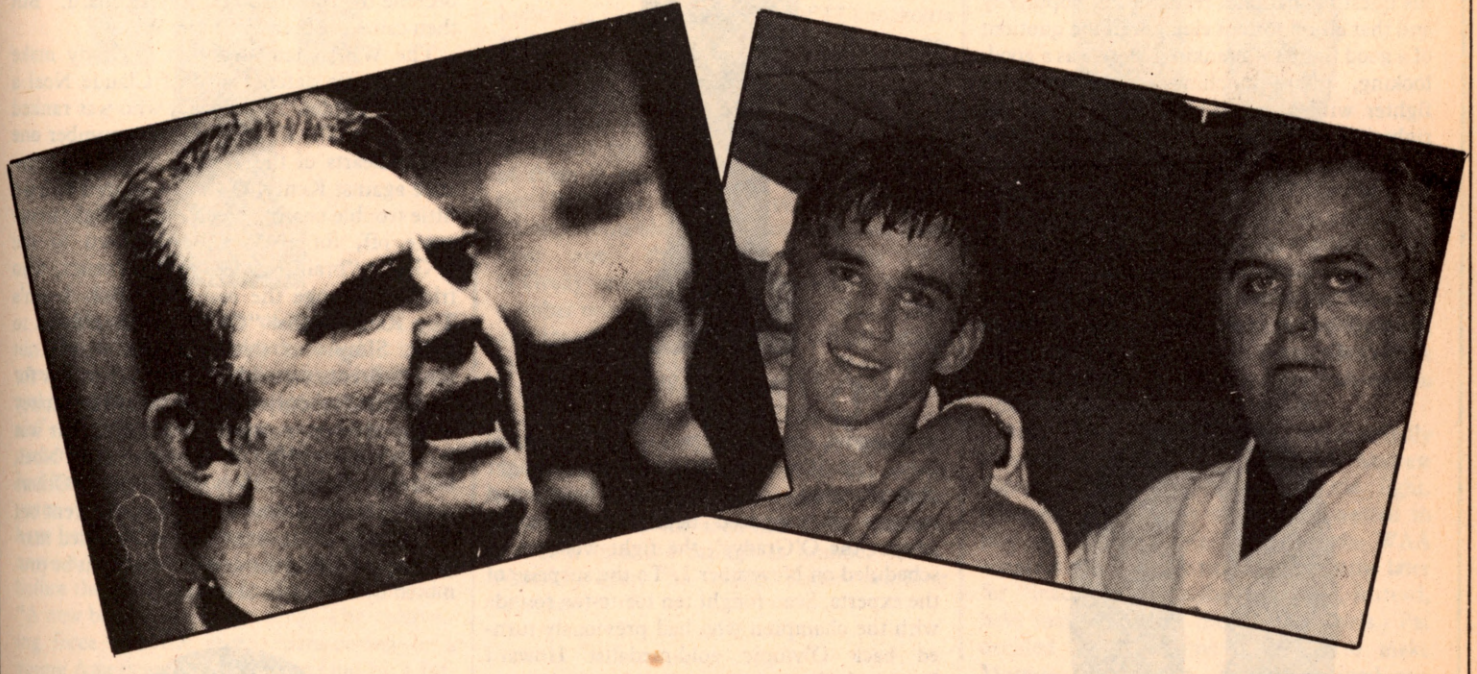
FOR ALL of its success in a year-long quest for respect, the World Athletic Association might just as well have picked Rodney Dangerfield for its president. In its unabashed sleaziness, the brainchild of Champ Thomas and Pat O'Grady, the organization seems to be a Runyonesque, mid-western caricature of the sanctimonious, established WBA and WBC. ¶If you try to "get a make" on those who formed this group from their peers, you keep running into words like "liar," "bastard," "crook" and "thief" and that's just from the men in charge. Not about themselves, mind you, but about at least one of the others. You see, the WAA is coming apart at the seams. Like a worm that keeps on moving and regenerates itself after being cut in half, the WAA may yet survive in some form. Or two. Therein lies the rub. For like the man in the limerick from kartovom, it is by no means clear just who can do what to whom—just who leads the Association and who may fire whom.



THE WAAWFUL TRUTH ABOUT THE WAA

THE WORLD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION: AND BOOBY MAKES THREE

BY BEN SHARAV

WHEN PAT O'GRADY, ANNOUNCED THE formation of the WAA last year, it was what he perceived to be his grandiose gesture of defiance and for what he saw as the unfair manner in which the WBA and the WBC had treated both him and his son Sean. The heavyset man with the heavy Irish brogue had managed his son's career ever since Sean, as a 16-year-old featherweight, turned pro back in 1975. Sean scored 22 knockouts in 26 winning fights that first year, continuing on his undefeated way for the next five years with the exception of one loss, on cuts, to future champion Danny "Little Red" Lopez in February, 1976.

But while he mowed down opponent-after-opponent in impressive fashion, Sean seemed to be on a treadmill, actually losing ground in his quest for national recognition, popularity and that all-important clement in the quotient of a good fighter—a ranking. Here was a good-looking, hard-punching, Irish-American fighter with a crowd-pleasing style—all the right ingredients—but something seemed to turn the public off perhaps it was the spectacle of an O'Grady fight in Oklahoma City, with Sean in the ring and Ma, Pa and Sis shouting from the corner. Or the sight of one of his hand-picked opponents practicing their own versions of swan dives. Instead of becoming a subject of idolatry, Sean had become a subject of scorn.

On June 10, 1978, in a nationally televised fight from his usual venue of Oklahoma City, O'Grady faced Japanese featherweight Shig Fukuyama. Fukuyama, a professional Kamikaze pilot who had been knocked out in his last three fights—including a title fight with WBC champion David Kotey—was considerably outclassed until a good punch and a clash of heads opened severe gash over O'Grady's eye in the round. Half blind, his face a gory mask of blood Sean continued to press forward landing most of the punches, but, as the CBS announcers—and a nationwide audience—looked on incredulously, the fight was being allowed to continue. With Pat in his corner urging him on, Sean kept pressing forward until, finally, he dropped Fukuyama with a wild right hand in the fifth round. Almost immediately, the referee jumped in, as if on cue, and awarded O'Grady a TKO.

Press accounts took the referee to task for not having stopped the fight earlier due to the severity of O'Grady's cuts. Suggesting that the media should have lauded Sean for his heroic efforts instead of damning him, Papa O'Grady accused the press of possessing a bias in favor of the east and west coasts—or, in fact, anywhere not spelled Oklahoma. "They think if you're from mid-America, you're some hick who can't fight," O'Grady charged.

In the fall of 1980 the O'Grad clan traveled to Glasgow, where Sean was to battle national hero, Jim Watt, for the WBC lightweight championship. With security heightened because of supposed death threats made against the O'Gradys', the fight went on as scheduled on November 1. To the surprise of the experts, Sean fought ten toe-to-toe rounds with the champion who had previously turned back Olympic gold-medalist Howard Davis' challenge, even appearing to be getting the better of him. But then sometime during the tenth round, the two combatants came closer than mere toe-to-toe, their heads colliding with a resounding clank, the end result being a headbutt by Watt which opened a terrible laceration on O'Grady's forehead. Apparently busy counting the ropes, the referee, Raymond Baldeyrou, didn't notice any disgression from the Queensberry rules taking place in the vicinity. With the blinded O'Grady unable to defend himself, the victory was awarded to the southpaw champion in the twelfth. Suspicions that all was not "cricket" in the Empire were hardly allayed when it was revealed that the French referee and Harry Gibbs, the British judge, had awarded the American only one and two rounds, respectively, but the World Boxing Council rejected O'Grady's appeal for a rematch.

In defeat he gained the grudging respect he had never received in victory. Five months later when he challenged Hilmer Kenty for the WBA title, he came in as a heavy underdog. Fighting the fight of his life, O'Grady outboxed and outpunched the Kronk gym champion through fifteen fast-paced rounds. The lopsided decision—no judge gave him fewer than ten rounds—made Sean the WBA champion and finally, or so the reasoning went, put Sean in a position where he would become respected—and more.

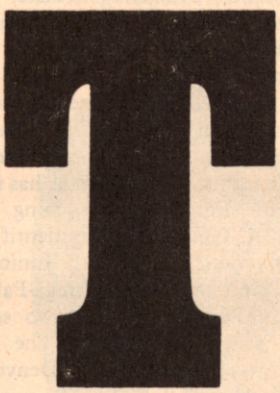
As the only white American holding a world boxing championship, the hard-punching O'Grady figured to be a highly merchandisable commodity, so much so that Papa O'Grady hired a big-time New York lawyer-agent, Jimmy Walsh, to put Sean on the map and in the pages of Cosmopolitan. The youthful 21-year-old seemingly had the potential to become the "white Sugar Ray Leonard." But then came the break with the WBA.

The WBA mandated that O'Grady make his first title defense against Claude Noel a lightly-regarded Trinidadan, who was ranked seventh by *The Ring's* panel but number one in the hearts of the WBA. Off his performance against Kenty, O'Grady figured to have little trouble beating Noel, but the fight never came off, for reasons best known to the O'Grady "braintrust." Teddy Brenner, who tried to arrange the match for Bob Arum's Top Rank recalls: "O'Grady just refused to fight. Simple as that, Pat just would not sign." Brenner could think of no reason for the O'Gradys' curious behavior. "The money was good, over a quarter of a million. It was made clear that if O'Grady didn't fight Noel, he'd lose the title. They didn't care." Others recall that every time a new contract went out to O'Grady Sr. it came back with added marginala, including the demand the fight be promoted by his son-in-law, Mike Gass.

O'Grady remembers it differently. "Lies, a bunch of damned lies," answers Pat O'Grady, "We did not refuse to fight Claude Noel. We refused to fight for Top Rank. They demanded options on Sean so they could keep their hands in our pockets forever. Nobody owns us. We wouldn't sign our souls away to

Bob Arum, so they stole our title."

On September 12, 1981, Claude Noel beat Gato Gonzalez at Bally's for the—by then vacant—WBA lightweight championship, vacated by a federal court order. The break with the WBA provided the impetus for Pat O'Grady's formation of a new sanctioning body, something called the World Athletic Association. "We don't need the WBA and the WBC, O'Grady explained. "Why should we give our money to foreign outfits? What the hell did they ever do for boxing?"

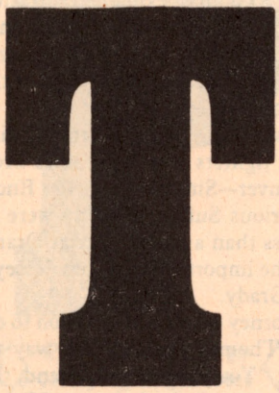


The purpose of the WAA, explained its president, Champ Thomas, was to bring control of boxing to the "experienced professionals"—the managers, promoters and matchmakers—rather than the laymen who he said had been running and ruining, the sport for years. "We, the professionals in the sport, have been and are being manipulated by rank novices," Thomas said in his keynote address before the organization in Denver, Colorado. "A new boxing era is dawning. The motivating force was the recent persecution of a young American fighting champion by a foreign organization."

High-principled pontifications notwithstanding, the sleaziness of the WAA was apparent at the outset and its bankruptcy was soon exposed by its actions. For one thing, the seeming prerequisite for acquiring a position in the Association was being a blood relative or a long-time business associate of Pat O'Grady. Having a promotional or managerial interest in an active fighter was also a strong point. "They don't comprehend the concept of 'conflict of interest'," commented Lou Rubino, a Philadelphia lawyer living in Denver who has represented fighters who have had occasion to deal with Thomas, O'Grady and the WAA.

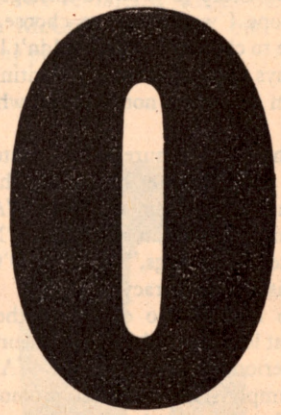
Jay C. "Champ" Thomas manages a stable of fighters in Denver, Colorado, an area where boxing is totally free of state supervision. Possessed of a rogue's charm, brazenness and overly given to hyperbole, the first president of the WAA is quick with an opinion on any and everything, flavored with a little boast about his own promotional and physical prowess. The association between the 63-year-old Thomas and Papa O'Grady goes back decades and touches all facets of the boxing game. Thomas has provided opponents from his stable to be devoured by O'Grady's tigers, has refereed several of Sean O'Grady's fights, and even wrote the life story of Sean, one with the pretentious title, *Sean O'Grady: Living Legend.*

The O'Grady-Thomas *modus operandi* was best exemplified by the Monte Masters affair. Masters is a large white heavyweight of modest talents who became part of the O'Grady family, literally, marrying Pat's daughter. O'Grady had Masters fighting exclusively in Oklahoma City, beginning with his pro debut in the summer of '79. By April, 1981, he'd built up a near perfect record of 17 knockouts and one decision win in 18 fights. But his opponents were not exactly likely candidates for induction into the Boxing Hall of Fame. In fact, if you look up the word "stiff" in your dictionary you might find pictures of several of them in the margin alongside the definition. Tellingly, the record of not one of his 18 opponents showed him to have won more than one third of his fights. Yet O'Grady managed to get Masters ranked number seven in the world by the World Boxing Association in that group's official ratings as of April 1, 1981. Bobby Lee, of the New Jersey commission, a WBA vice president, placed the responsibility for that squarely on Ratings' Chairman Elias Cordova: "Dr. Cordova indicated that Masters' name was sent in by some commission somewhere. Without anyone here having seen him fight, Cordova put him into the ratings at number seven. Months later, he came under scathing criticism."



The rating of Masters—as are most of their ratings—was an embarrassment to the WBA. Two months later they retreated slightly, dropping him to ten. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to predict the next step in the ongoing soap opera: Masters was dropped entirely by May, 1982.

The build-up of Masters intensified in Oklahoma City as the papers began giving space to the young heavyweight. Dean Bailey who covered most of Masters' fights for *The Daily Oklahoman* said of Masters, "He gets play here, but nobody knows how good he is. I've seen him take a few good punches and keep on coming but they haven't had him tested."



On October 5, it was announced that Masters would be the opponent in Joe Frazier's comeback fight. Frazier wound up fighting, and drawing, with Jumbo Cummings instead; Pat O'Grady insists that the former champion "ducked out" of fighting Masters.

After Sean O'Grady was unexpectedly knocked out by Hawaiian southpaw Andrew Ganigan in the WAA's first title fight. (Ganigan incidentally was not interested in playing Pat O'Grady's game, and the WAA stripped him of their title three months later for "inactivity." (Maybe he should, instead, have married one of the O'Grady girls.) Pat decided that the time was ripe to make Masters a champion. There remained one minor problem: Masters had never even been in the ring with a world-class fighter, unless one counts a few recent sparring sessions with a washed-up Joe Bugner. Not to worry! Pat gave his old pal Champ Thomas a call and Thomas found in his stable just the right man to oppose Masters in a heavyweight title fight—a cruiserweight who went by the name of Larry Simmons.

Before proceeding with the thrilling account of the first WAA heavyweight championship fight it might prove useful to backtrack and explain just how WAA title fights are put together. After Houston matchmaker Tony Gardner threw in the towel and skipped town, abandoning his highly unprestigious post as WAA Ratings Chairman, Pat O'Grady had to find a quick replacement. He selected the cut-man who worked Sean's corner during the Kenty fight, South Jerseyan Ralph Citro.

Citro, a former manager, saw nothing wrong with working in fighters corners while

acting as Ratings Chairman. The only conflict that concerns him is: Should two fighters with whom he works be matched against each other? Citro, who worked Thomas Hearns' corner against Leonard and still maintains a close business relationship with Hearns' manager, Emmanuel Steward, tried to rationalize his dilemma with "I'd work O'Grady's corner again." The rub would be if Sean fought Milton McCrory (a Steward-managed fighter). "I hope I won't *have* to choose." If he does have to choose? "I just couldn't let 'him' down" says Citro of one after eliciting a promise from the writer not to reveal which one it is.

Though Citro assured the writer that O'Grady does not alter the ratings he sends him, Jean O'Grady denies that the WAA uses the Ratings Chairman's ratings. "No one man makes the ratings," says Pat O'Grady's wife, "this is a democracy."

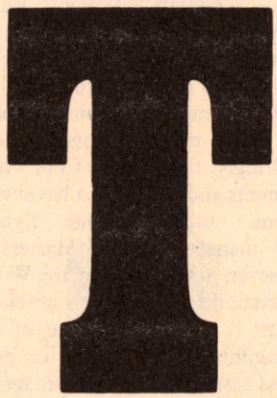
But no matter who composes them, the ratings—at least the order—are academic. The final criterion for obtaining the WAA sanction is, simply stated, that the promoter kick back $500 to the Association.

Before sanctioning the Masters-Simmons bout as a "Heavyweight Championship," the WAA moved Simmons up to number fifteen in its ratings; Masters had already been pegged at number seven.

In the publicity handouts issued by the WAA, Larry Simmons was described as a heavyweight with a 14-0 record, a claim that was accepted by the *Daily Oklahoman* and reprinted. Well, calling Simmons a heavyweight was being generous; calling him 14 and 0 was being a liar. Louisianan Joe King, who holds the title Vice President, charged that Simmons' record was "padded by Pat O'Grady himself," adding, "Pat likes to do that." King described meeting Simmons in the gym in Oklahoma shortly before the fight: "I'm 78 years old and I've been in boxing 60 years. The kid didn't belong in the ring. I tried to show him the proper way to jump rope. He was having trouble." Of Monte Masters, King said, "I've seen him fight, he boxed some lemon. He's better than average, but he'll never be a champ. Holmes or Cooney'd belt him out in a round."

Lawyer Lou Rubino says of Simmons' purported record, "Bull———. He's a four-round fighter. He'd had maybe two fights."

Champ Thomas, while insisting that Simmons is "a fine prospect," admitted that his record had been padded nonetheless. "He supposedly had six 'tough guy' fights, which he won, but I didn't see any of them," Thomas said by way of explanation. Thomas did offer a list of fights which he claimed Simmons had won, none of which was against anyone listed in the *Ring Record Book,* but one of which was a three-round knockout of Cowboy Mike Cook, a professional wrestler.



To be fair to Simmons, it should be mentioned that he did shake Masters up with a couple of right hands at the start of their fight. According to Thomas, Simmons got flustered when several toughs in the Oklahoma City crowd began yelling "nigger" at him. "He's not used to that kind of bigotry," Thomas explained. Masters used the diversion to connect with a left and a right to the head of his 184-pound opponent. Simmons went down and out at 2:20 of the opening session.

The evening was an all-around disaster as all three fighters whom Thomas brought in from Denver—Simmons, Darren Encline and the notorious Sultan Saladin—were knocked out in less than a round, as was Oran Butler, the stiff he imported from New Jersey to fight Sean O'Grady.

An attorney who's had occasion to deal with Champ Thomas explains the way the man operates: "You have to understand, the guy is basically a carnival pitchman. His stable of fighters is the absolute worst. It's dangerous—he's liable to get somebody killed. Sultan Saladin, for instance. The guy can hardly stand and Champ throws him in against top fighters: Sean O'Grady, Mark Holmes. He takes half his fighters' purses. He's got a guy with one eye, Donny Nelson, who's still fighting."

Thomas' forte extends to the bizarre, promoting contests such as "boom battling" and wrestling, and even on occasion getting into the ring or mud himself. Billing himself as "Sports History's Greatest Athlete," he recently took on someone named Tug Wilson for something called the World Athletic Council's Seniors' Heavyweight Boxing Championship.

"Thomas was a gofer of O'Grady's, handpicked," the attorney continued. "If Pat needs some help or a few fighters, Champ is there to help."

That was before the Great Schism.

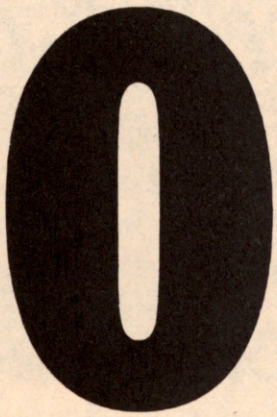
"Champ Thomas is no longer part of the WAA," Pat O'Grady recently cried into the phone from his new home base in Los Angeles. "By a vote of the executive committee, he has been removed." The reason, it turns out, has to do with the sanctioning of WAA title fights. "Mr. Thomas has run four or five title fights without going through channels," O'Grady charged, identifying the Kenny Croom-J.J. Cottrell Junior Middleweight and the James Ortega-Pat Duran Junior Lightweight fight as two such improperly sanctioned bouts. The Ortega-Duran shows, according to the Denver *Rocky Mountain News,* "resembled a wrestling match." The undercard featured Jeff "Two-Ton" Osterman, a 5-foot-5-inch, 235-pounder who was sent sprawling and kicking in barely half a minute. Not wishing to pay to bring in WAA officials, Richard Steele and Joe King, Thomas' promoter Doug Brott judged the "title" fight himself along with a referee who didn't know how to use the 10-point-must system.

Promoter Brott responded by attacking Pat O'Grady. "Why should I bring in O'Grady's officials?" asked Brott. "When I've sent him money he never acknowledged it. The man has been fraudulent all the way."

O'Grady denies being anything less than forthright in accounting for all monies that come in to him. "Title fights must be cleared through the executive committee which consists of the seven WAA vice presidents," ex-

plained O'Grady. "Mr. Thomas has been collecting the sanctioning fees himself. He's tried to become a dictator. No one man rules the WAA—it's a democracy" concluded Pat, echoing a by now familiar refrain.

"The hell I'm out!" thunders Champ Thomas on being told of O'Grady's charges. "I started this organization and brought him in. I sent him money from membership fees and he just pocketed it. He won't give any accounting of it, but I know he's spent some. I've tried to build the WAA up and he tries to tear it down." Thomas insisted that the Croom and Ortega fights had been properly sanctioned.



"O'Grady knew all about them and then at the last minute he tries to cancel them. He wants to grab money for himself out of everything. I have over a hundred members and I account for every dime that comes in. Pat O'Grady pockets the money that comes in for belts. Hell, he's ripped off Sean more than he ever ripped me off. I never trusted the man—not in '46 and not now! I like the sonuvabitch, but I can't work with him. I was in the gym and he starts hollering at me like I'm one of his yes-men and I said to him: 'Don't you yell at me like that or I'll tell you to stick it up your Irish ass.' "

The WAA vice presidents have begun taking sides. Ratings' Chairman Citro is behind O'Grady. "Thomas broke the rules," Citro says, while admitting, "I can't put my finger on it. But if you don't live by the by-laws, flush 'em down the toilet."

Lawyer Dana Davis, the Credentials Chairman, is an Oklahoma colleage of O'Grady's. "O'Grady keeps a separate bank account for the WAA," Davis says, vouching for Pat's honesty. Of the Masters-Simmons fight, Davis says, "Simmons' record was certified by Champ Thomas." Thereby casting blame on Thomas and trying to absolve Pat of any wrongdoing.

Joe King, the Managers' Chairman who accused Pat O'Grady of padding Larry Simmons' record, says he's still trying to ascertain the facts. "I've had disagreements with O'Grady," says King. "Champ Thomas has always been straight with me. O'Grady brought in as Membership Chairman a man he met in Scotland when they fought Watt—Frank O'Connor. I've talked to him and if the man knows a boxer from a powderball, it'd surprise me."

"With all the crookedness that goes on there," King is asked, "why do you stay in the WAA?"

"Well," responds King, "sometimes you get involved in something and regret it."

Officials' Chairman Lew Eskin, who was accused of showing blatant favoratism for Sean in his fight against Mexican Jose Hernandez for the WAA Welterweight title, does not care how corrupt the WAA is as long as they pay him for his work. "All of the sanctioning bodies—the WBA, WBC—are self-ordained and self-serving" Eskin explains, "so is the WAA."

Then there is Pat O'Grady's wife Jean, who holds the title of Secretary-Treasurer (Pat is the Championship Chairman) in the WAA. A shrill woman with none of the fast-talking charm that her husband and Champ Thomas possess, she has a question of her own to answer any question asked of her. About the propriety of owning interests in fighters while sanctioning fights: "What about (WBA president) Rodrigo Sanchez. Why don't you ask him if he owns Pedroza?" Of Champ Thomas' fighters Jean O'Grady says, "they're a bunch of bums, tomato cans," not realizing that in her candor she has confirmed that her husband's "champions" won their titles against set-ups.

Pat O'Grady will go on trying to get some mileage out of the WAA and managing fighters on the Coast. Convinced that he is in the right, he is a bitter man. "If you had it to do over again," he is asked, "would you have had Sean fight Noel for Bob Arum?"

"I'll tell anyone who wants to make any money in this game," O'Grady responds, "to go kiss Arum's and King's butts. You can't get on TV without them.

"Tell the truth—I'm here in L.A. broke, and can't get any fights on TV. Sean is a former *world champion.* He lost *one* fight and they won't put him on. Curtis Parker, Ernesto Espana, Jerry Martin—hell, even Scott LeDoux loses all the time and keeps getting on.

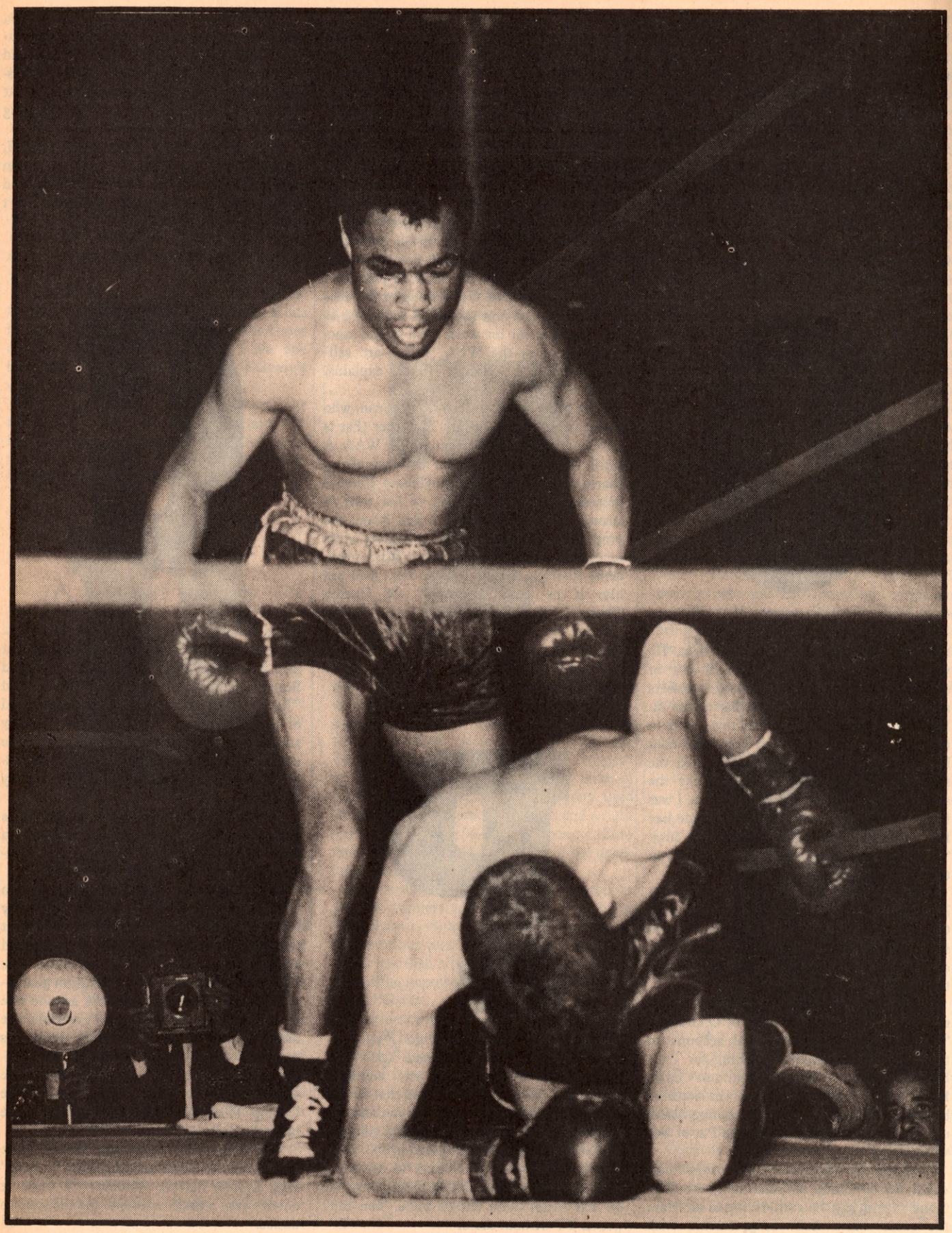
"I challenge ABC, CBS, NBC, ESPN, Arum, and King to make their offers in public. We've offered Roger Stafford and Milton McCrory $125,000, but they don't want any part of Sean."

Champ Thomas will go on sanctioning fights and awarding titles through *his* WAA. He has a lot more titles to give out now that he's announced that the WAA has stripped Sean O'Grady and Monte Masters and "Junior Light Heavyweight" Jerry Halstead of their championship belts. "Pat O'Grady and all of his vice presidents can't throw me out," states Thomas, explaining quite logically, "the WAA rules have no provision for my removal."

To take sides in this dispute would be as pointless as to try to judge who would be a more welcome overnight guest—the Yorkshire Ripper or the Hillside Strangler.

The promoters who fork over money to Thomas or O'Grady in what are essentially nickel-and-dime scams ought to know that they're being taken. What calls for some kind of state action is not the phony titles—the First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees anyone the right to declare anyone else champion of anything, just as everyone else has the right to ignore it—but the dangerous match-ups involving some fighters in no condition to compete in the ring. And those crimes were being perpetrated long before Champ Thomas or Pat O'Grady ever came up with the idea of the WAA.

"We desperately need some kind of state commission to supervise what goes on here" says Denver lawyer Rubino, "I hope it doesn't take a death or two to get the state to notice." □



IT IS THROUGH Henry Armstrong that this department traces its affinity with the historic past. He was the first to win a world championship in our presence. That was in October, 1937, in the Madison Square Garden precedent to the contemporary vast boxing wasteland above Penn Station. He knocked out Petey Sarron in the sixth round to become the world featherweight champion. Later, Armstrong added the welterweight and lightweight titles to his 126-pound crown, thus prompting a notorious professor of syntax named Mushky Jackson, nee Morris Ladisky, to say that Armstrong was the only man to own three championships not "only simultaneously but at the same time."

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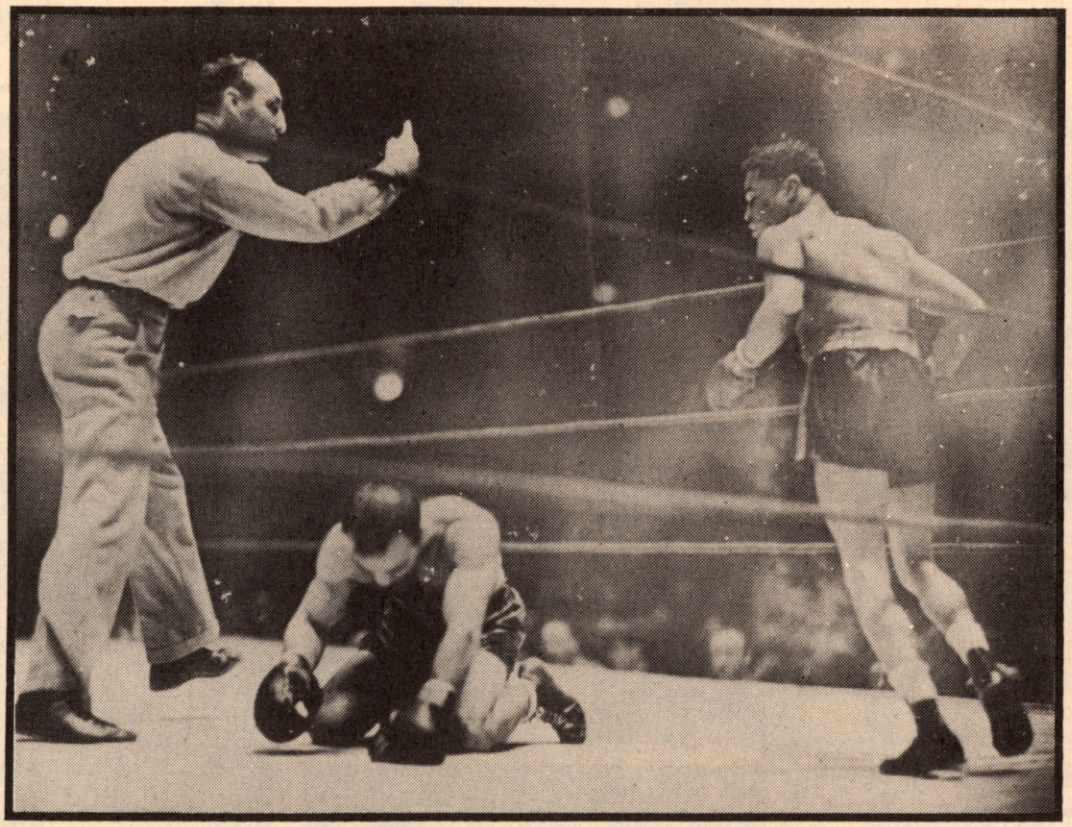


"HURRICANE" HENRY ARMSTRONG: BOXING'S ONE-OF-A-KIND THREE-TIME CHAMP

(Opposite page) "Hammerin' Hank" has sent Lew Jenkins to the canvas in Portland, Oregon on December 4, 1942. Armstrong stopped Jenkins in round eight. (Above) Henry wins the world featherweight crown by knocking out Petey Sarron in the sixth in Madison Square Garden, October 29, 1937.

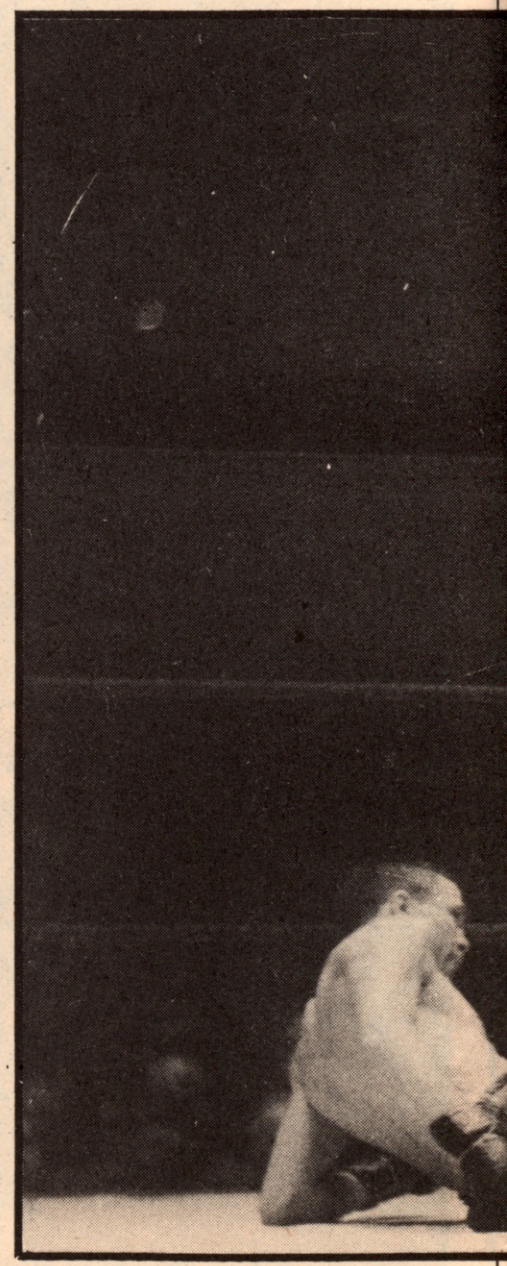
JACKSON'S REDUNDANCY WAS AS precise as it was inept. Never before or since has a titleholder balanced three crowns on his noble dome. Some have held titles in triplicate, but none "simultaneously and at the same time."

Bob Fitzsimmons was the middleweight titleholder before he won the heavyweight and then the light heavyweight championship. Much later, Tony Canzoneri had the featherweight, lightweight and junior welterweight championships piece by piece. Barney Ross also hit for a triple—the lightweight, junior lightweight and welterweight championships. And, in this day, Wilfred Benitez is the WBC's junior middleweight champion after holding the junior welterweight and welterweight titles.

champions because he lost none of his titles, choosing instead to give each one up in turn because of weight limitations. Tall and angular, five feet nine and one-half inches, and the complete boxer, he has had 76 victories in 80 bouts.

But apart from his boxing skill, he is a man whom you cannot help liking. He is made of the stuff which, in the end, does honor to his game. He moves through the world of boxing as an angel might move through slums. At first he is viewed as being shy and self-conscious, but this is because we think of fighters as thick-necked, thick-headed practioners of a militant art.

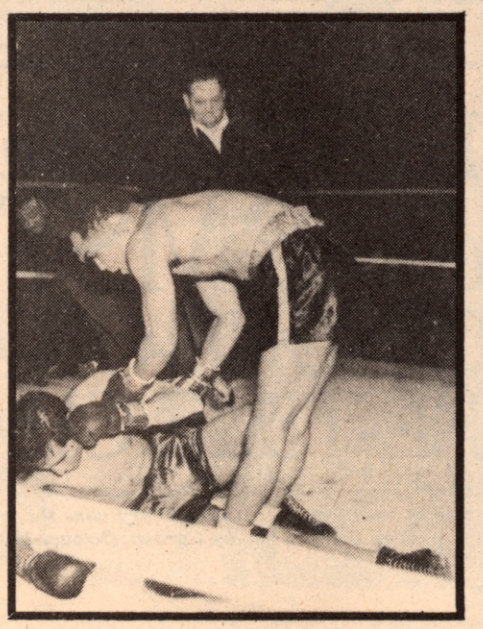
Armstrong was that kind of fighter—a whirling brawler without an outward trace of intellection. No, that won't do. It is the truth,



The list is incomplete. Somebody, we think, should say a heartfelt word in praise of Alexis Arguello, who is the WBC's lightweight champion and will try to win his fourth title, the WBA junior welterweight crown, when he encounters Aaron Pryor in the Orange Bowl. If successful, Arguello would add the 140-pound title to the three he had before: the featherweight, junior lightweight and lightweight titles.

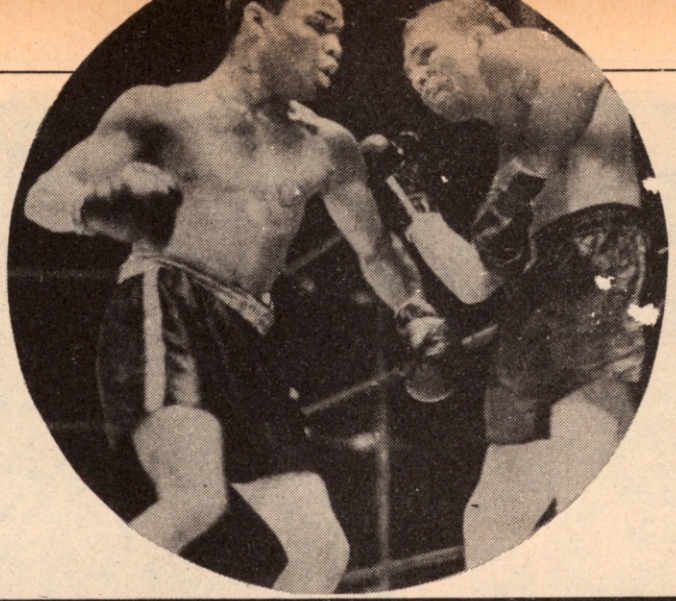
However parenthetical, it is pertinent to put Pryor in stylistic perspective at this point. Pryor is a primitive in style—a workhorse contrasted with a full-blooded pacer. Armstrong's manner in the ring was less headlong than it was rhythmic. Each move was intended either to move the enemy into a vulnerable position or to strike a blow for victory. This is not meant to denigrate Pryor, who is empirically perfect. Rough-hewn, he gets the job done. He simply does not do this as Armstrong did so many years ago.

Arguello is singular among pluralistic

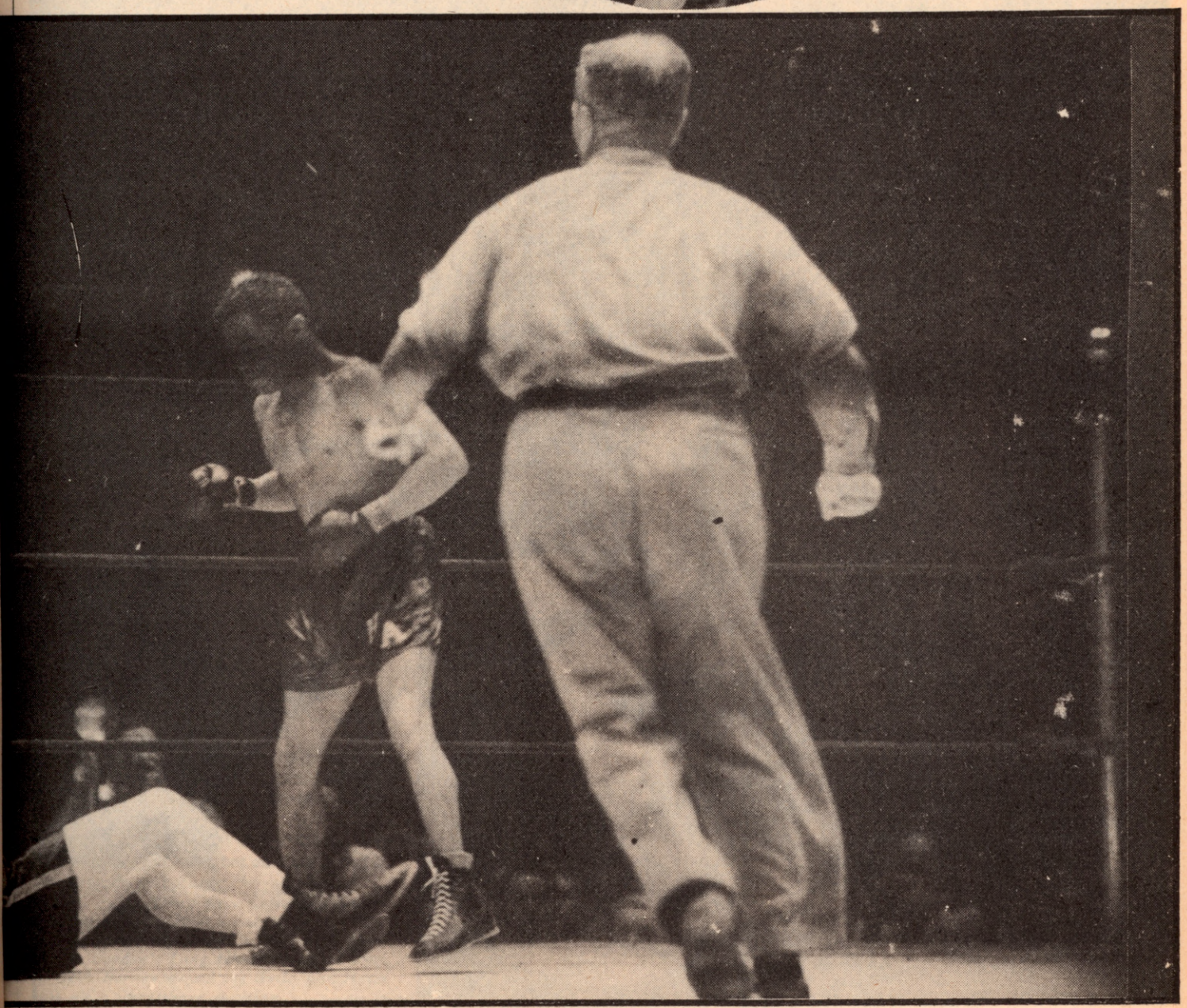


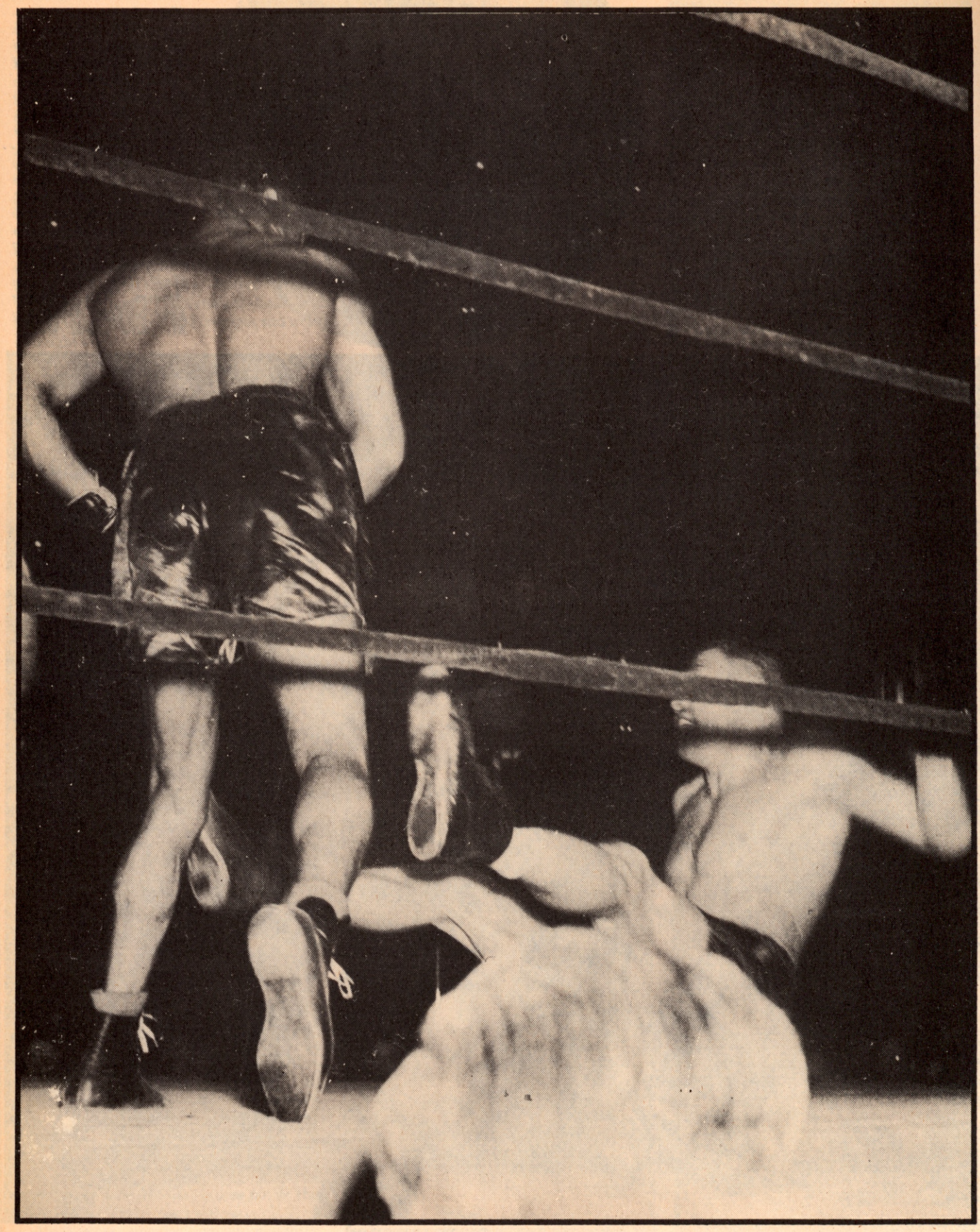
but it sounds too sensational blurted out like that. The facts are more harmless. In truth, Armstrong wrote poetry. The reference to intellection concerns his fighting style. In the mid-'30s, in the midst of the great American depression, he came out of the West—California, by way of St. Louis—and the advance publicity defined him as Dark Death and Destruction in the awkward and bigoted literary manner of the time.

He was rather short—maybe 5 feet, six inches tall—and a buzzsaw with an incongruously muscular torso mounted on thin, almost weightless legs. In his career, he had 144 victories, 97 by knockout, and from 1937 through 1939 he won 46 bouts in a row, 27 by knockout. When he took the welterweight title from Barney Ross in 1938, he weighed 133



(Opposite page, top) Armstrong tries out a new type of punching bag while training for his first fight with Lou Ambers in 1938. (Opposite page, center) Henry and Barney Ross (Opposite page, bottom) Featherweight king Armstrong helps pick Tony Chavez off the floor in Cleveland on December 6, 1938. Henry kayoed Tony in 2:14 of the first round in the scheduled 10-round over-the-weight bout. (Left) Hank attacks Lou Ambers. This grueling fight brought Armstrong his third world crown.





pounds, 13 fewer than his victim. He was a skinny little guy in a big man's land.

By contrast, his manager, Eddie Mead, was a tall, obese hustler from New York's Hell's Kitchen, who bought Armstrong's contract from a Californian named One-Shot Wirt Ross for $7,500 he didn't have.

Most of the money—$5,000—came from Al Jolson, the jazz singer. The fact that Mead managed to separate Jolson from that sum was regarded as a feat beyond the wildest dreams of a fight manager's avarice.

Jolson spent a million or more buying thoroughbreds, and probably bet as much more on the nags. But that was assumed to be the limit of his profligacy. Yet Mead put the bite on him and came away with five grand, two-thirds of the cost of Armstrong's contract. Just to show he was a big man figuratively as well as physically, Mead allowed a few boxing writers to refer to Jolson as Armstrong's co-manager. Big deal!

There is no reason to believe that Jolson ever got a cent from any of Armstrong's considerable purses. But on the night in the old Garden when Hammerin' Hank won the first of his three titles, Jolson sat in a front-row seat. He didn't know it at the time that the seat had cost him $5,000. Not even Don King has the nerve to charge that much for a ticket.

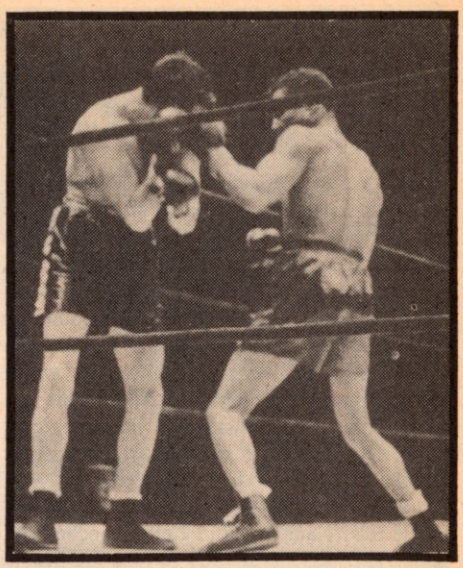
By the time we got to know Mead, Armstrong's purses had put him in the chips. He was hanging out in good saloons, away from his old haunts on the West Side, and had more than one suit of clothes to his name. He was a blubbery bon vivant with a round, soft face that had the mild look of a kid surprised with his hand in the cookie jar. He went to his pocket easily and lived at a pace only hustlers can set and only millionaires can afford.

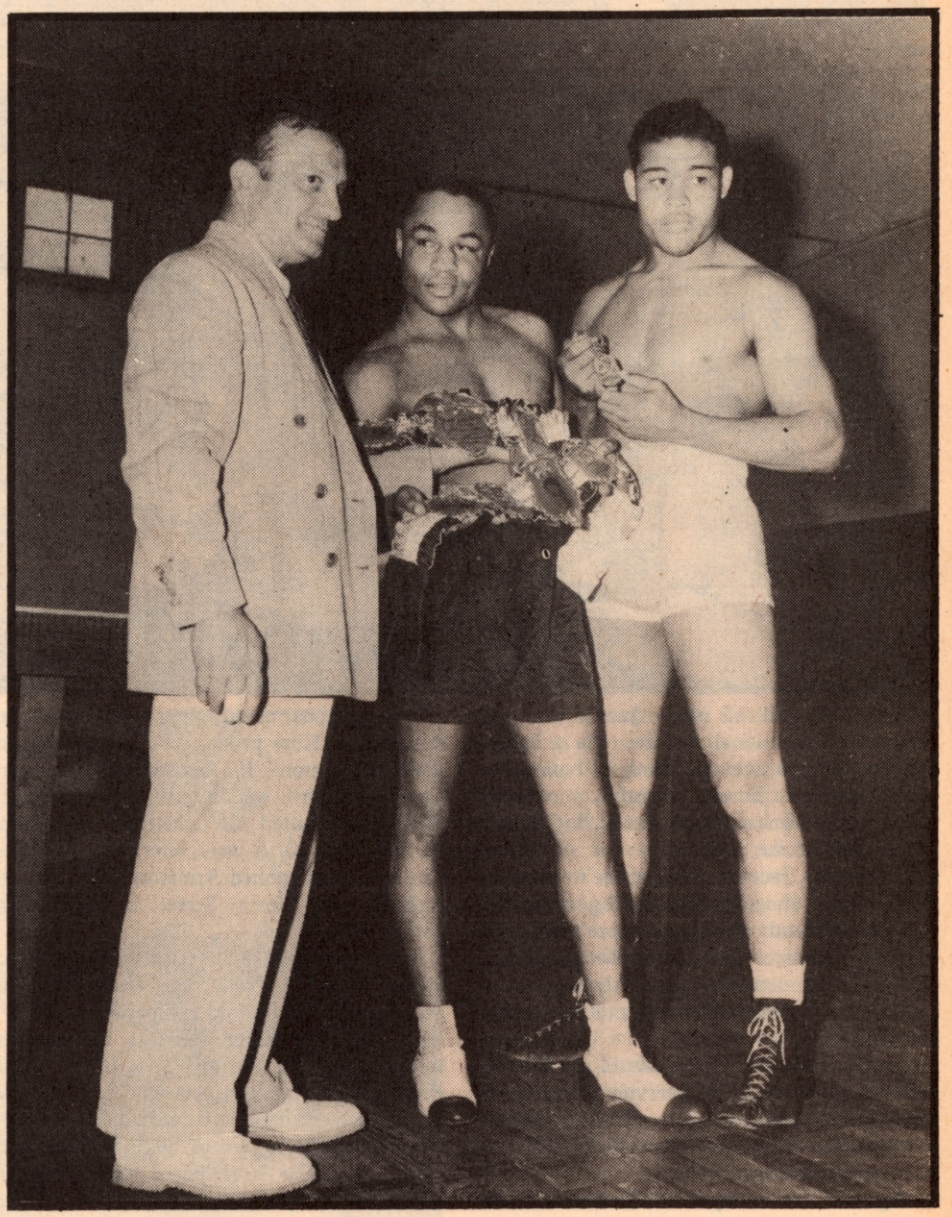
When Armstrong was through with the ring, the old fighter was asked if he resented the roasting he took from Mead or begrudged the fat man his booty. "I don't know how much he made off with," Armstrong said, without rancor. "I loved that man."

Mead got Armstrong three titles and some big purses, and much of the money went on the horses and, in the long run, resulted in Mead's death. And, when Armstrong was broke and went to Mead to make a touch, the old manager pleaded his own case of the shorts. "I'm broke," Mead said. "I'll make it up to you, Henry."

He never did. When Armstrong decided after a long layoff to make a comeback, he called Dr. Alexander Schiff, Mead's closest friend, to tell him of his plans.

"Too late," Dr. Schiff said. "Eddie just died. He scored on a big bet on a horse and it was too much for his heart."





(Above, right) Henry gave defending welter champion Barney Ross a beating in the later rounds of their 15-round title fight in Madison Square Garden's Long Island Bowl on May 31, 1938. Barney stayed the limit, and Hank won via a unanimous decision.

But when we first encountered Mead in 1937, he was at the top of his game. He was hustling Armstrong pretty good and working up deals with Mike Jacobs, who was on the verge of taking over the promotion of boxing in the Garden.

For three years Jacobs had been promoting boxing around New York, in the ball parks and in the old Hippodrome, under the banner of the 20th Century Sporting Club and Mrs. William Randolph Hearst's Free Milk Fund for Babies. Along the way he had become Joe Louis' private promoter and had stolen from the Garden exclusive rights to the world heavyweight championship. All of this enhanced his role as Broadway's foremost ticket scalper, a predatory role he enjoyed because it enriched him rather than ennobled him.

It is known by all familiar with a smattering of the Sweet Science that Louis knocked out James J. Braddock in 1937 to take the heavyweight title, and this placed Jacobs in a preeminent promotional position. As a consequence, he took over the Garden's boxing department from Jimmy Johnston, a peppery little man who was known as the Boy Bandit even when he was in his 70's.

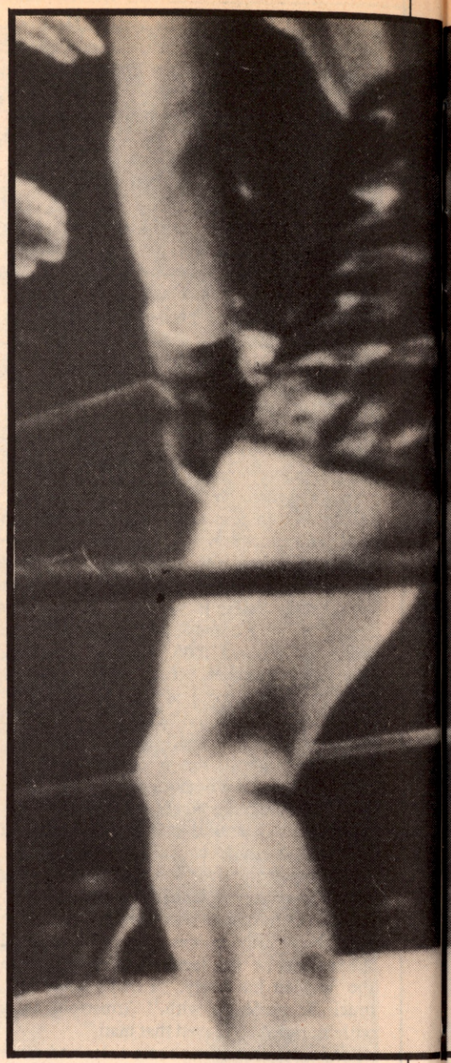
Outwardly, Jacobs conveyed the impression that he and Johnston were feuding; in reality, they were friends who cut up more than a few touches. Johnston had dealt tickets to Jacobs for many Garden events, and the cement of friendship in their mob was a mutual respect for gain.

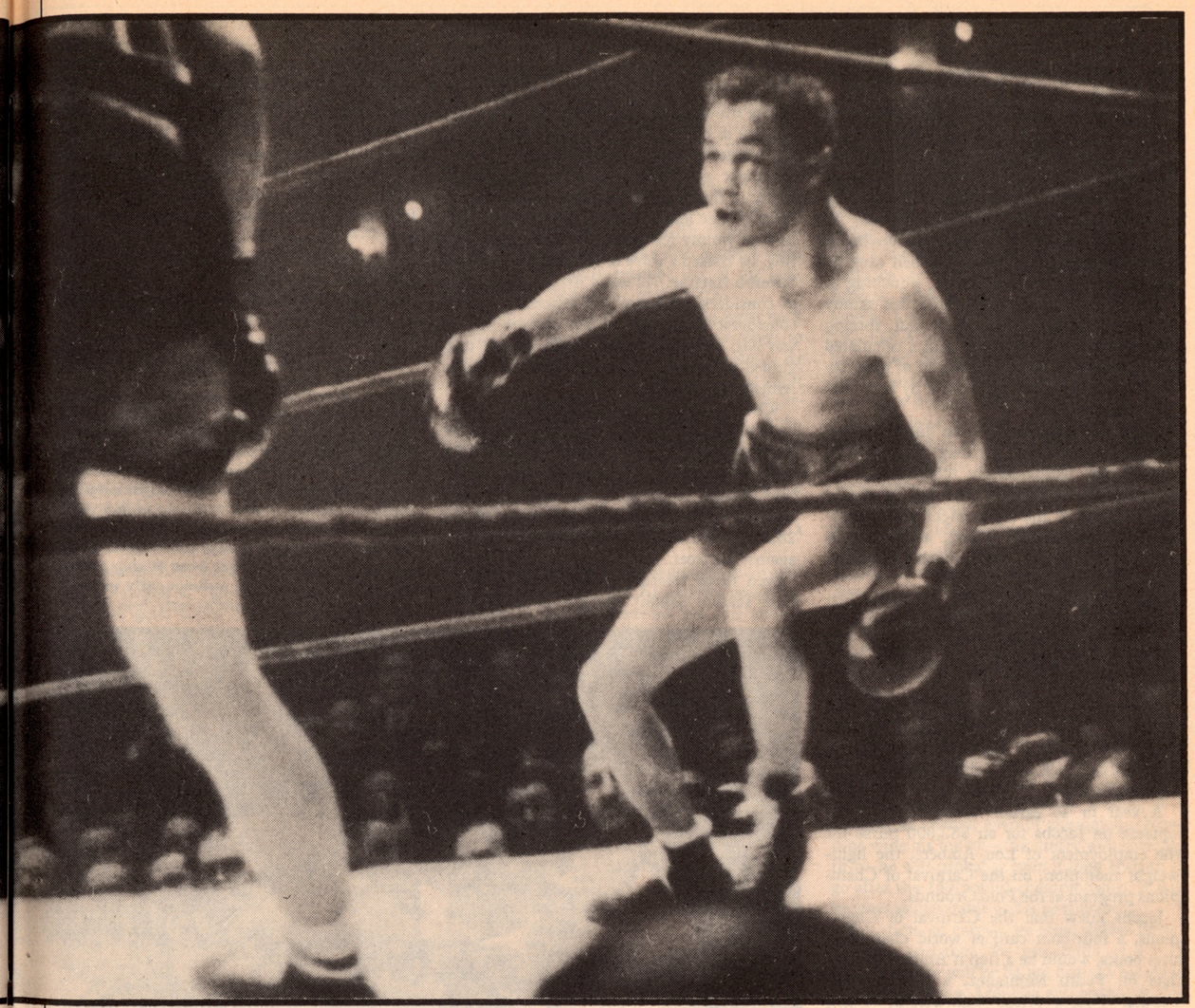
In the afternoon, Jacobs would put the rap on Johnston in press interviews; mornings they would meet covertly in a Child's restaurant on Broadway, away from the prying eyes of press quidnunce.

Against this background, Jacobs and the 20th Century Sporting Club took over the control of boxing in the Garden. Jacobs continued to run shows in the old Hippodrome on Sixth Avenue and 43rd Street, but the big matches went into the Garden. To launch his promotions in the arena on Eighth Avenue, between 49th and 50th Streets, he signed Sarron to defend the featherweight title against Armstrong on Oct. 29, 1937.

The year had been a busy one for Armstrong. In 22 bouts he had scored 21 knockouts, 15 in succession. Before he was through he would run his knockout string to 27, but getting ready for the bout with Sarron was a make-weighing ordeal. Harry Armstrong, his trainer but no relation, worked him hard. Ten days before the fight, the New York State Athletic Commission, which had not yet achieved the pussyfooting stride it now walks with, ordered Armstrong to weigh himself in the presence of a deputy commissioner.

(Below) Armstrong and Ambers sign for their return battle. (Right) Hank is on his way down against Fritzie Zivic. Fritz halted Henry in the 12th round of return in the Garden. (Right, below) Armstrong and his five-year-old daughter, Lanetta.





Commissions cared about customers in those days. Now promoters are wrapped in jeweler's cotton. If Armstrong had been excessively overweight, the Commission would have halted the ticket sale. However, he weighed 130. A week later, the Commission again summoned Armstrong to its headquarters on Worth Street in downtown Manhattan.

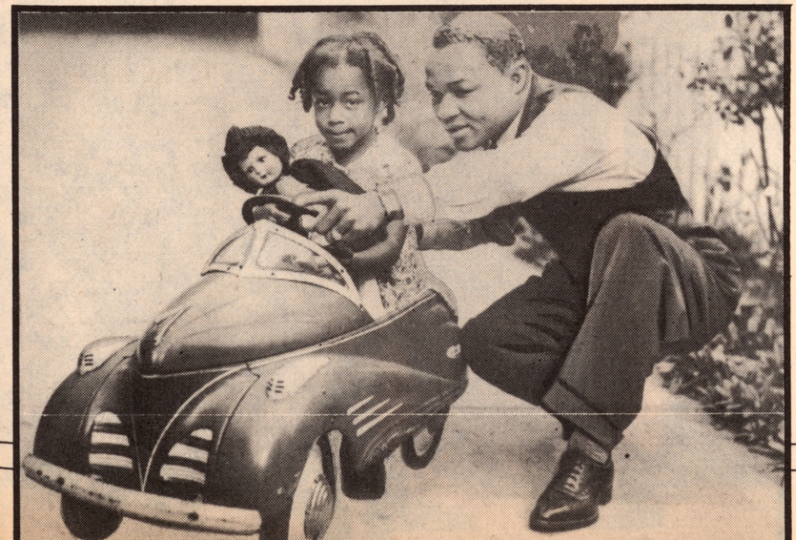
At the time the Commission was comprised of Gen. John J. Phelan, a National Guard general officer who sold silk panties for a living; Col. D. Walker Wear, a benign but laconic veteran of World War I; and Pvt. Bill Brown, a bereveted private who got his rank on the field of unfriendly journalism.

Actually, the flower of boxing journalism adored the New York board because of its bumbling but sincere attempts to keep the game relatively clean and referred to Phelan, Brown and Wear as the Three Dumb Dukes. In kinder moments, the chivalry of boxing letters defined the Commission as being comprised of Winken, Blinken and Nod.

Against this background, Jacobs moved into Madison Square Garden with the Sarron-Armstrong bout. Three days before the fight, Gen. Phelan ordered Armstrong to step on the scale in the presence of the commissioners. He was 127. Making 126 was easy. At noon on the day of the fight he weighed in at 124½. His nice face seemed bonier than ever, but he was chipper and his barrel-chested torso glistened under the lights over the Garden ring.

There was Mead in his fighter's corner, aided and abetted by Harry Armstrong and Frank (Doc) Bagley, a bespectacled pro who had worked with Gene Tunney and was regarded as a peerless "cut man." The draggy solemnity of a world championship bout filled the ring. Fighter after fighter was introduced. This, mind you, was before television, before the advent of razor blade makers as radio and TV sponsors, and time was cheap.

In the ringside seats, molls and mobsters sat in resplendent array. Jolson was there and so was George Raft, who had a rooting interest in Armstrong. Peggy Hopkins Joyce, all larded over with aloofness and garbed in the white fur of wild animals, was in her usual front pew. Jacobs, at last the main man in American boxing, on his way to becoming Monopoly Mike, clacked his store-bought bicuspids and beamed upon the customers, many of whom had paid the old scalper excessive tribute to sit in pews priced at a mere



$5.75 per seat. A crowd of 11,847 paid $37,408 to see the event. Jacobs probably made as much as that under his well-varnished table.

Armstrong's reputation for individual terrorism was known widely. Nobody expected him to let his opponent go the distance. To see him do his deed was enough for the customers, who were thrilled as he came bounding down the aisle, squirming inside his robe, working his arms and moving in a seeming glide. And when the bell rang he moved forward to meet Sarron, punching to the body as Sarron tried to hold, his skinny legs spread wide and his neck taut, forcing Sarron before him, fighting with a calculated fury, racing the clock, unmindful of pain, inevitably a champion, the winner by knockout in the sixth round.

When the end came, even Jacobs forgot about money. But not for long. He now controlled the featherweight champion, and before long, through Armstrong, he would have control of the lightweight and welterweight titles as well. These, added to Joe Louis' heavyweight championship, made a tidy little consortium for Jacobs.

There were reports that Armstrong's next important match would be against Lou Ambers, the world lightweight champion, the weight class immediately above featherweight.

Promoter Jacobs was less than friendly with Al Weill, Ambers' manager, largely because they were a pair of old Broadway hustlers who disliked each other simply because they were much alike.

A year or so earlier Weill had put the squeeze on Jacobs for an $82,000 purse for the employment of Lou Ambers, the lightweight champion, on the Carnival of Champions program at the Polo Grounds.

Jacobs knew that the Carnival of Champions, a four-bout card of world championship bouts, would be a flop if Ambers did not take on Pedro Montanez, a bustling and popular Puerto Rican lightweight. Weill, who was Ambers' manager, was mostly a churl, but this did not mean he was not the craftiest fight man around. In his negotiations with Jacobs, Weill stood his ground and demanded—and got—$82,000 for Ambers' services against Montanez. Jacobs vowed vengance.

So when Armstrong beat Sarron and there was a public clamor for him to step into a heavier division, Jacobs, out of spite and sound promotional instincts, proposed a meeting of Hammerin' Hank and Barney Ross, the welterweight champion, as the next step.

The match marked the first time a featherweight champion would try for the welterweight title. The fight was set for the old, open-air Madison Square Garden Bowl in Long Island City, a graveyard of champions.

Not one titleholder defended his title successfully in the vast wooden bowl in Long Island City, across the East River from Manhattan.

We went to Pompton Lakes to see Armstrong train, while boxing writers addicted to herring in cream sauce traveled northwest to Grossinger's, where Ross worked. The welterweight champion was a sentimental favorite in the Borscht Belt, beloved of the garment center and a regular *tummeller.* When he beat Jimmy McLarnin for the lightweight title, he caused a wave of pride to sweep down Seventh Avenue. He was a Broadway playboy of considerable charm and a horse player of considerable courage and few winners. But he was also a skillful boxer, which caused misguided pricemakers to make him 8 to 5 over Armstrong. Silly boys.

When, after several postponements caused by rain Ross got into the ring with Homicide Hank on May 31, 1938, he wore a heavy robe and was wrapped in several blankets. It was cold enough to bring in the brass monkeys and the bitter weather caused many of the 28,290 in the wooden arena to wear overcoats against the frost.

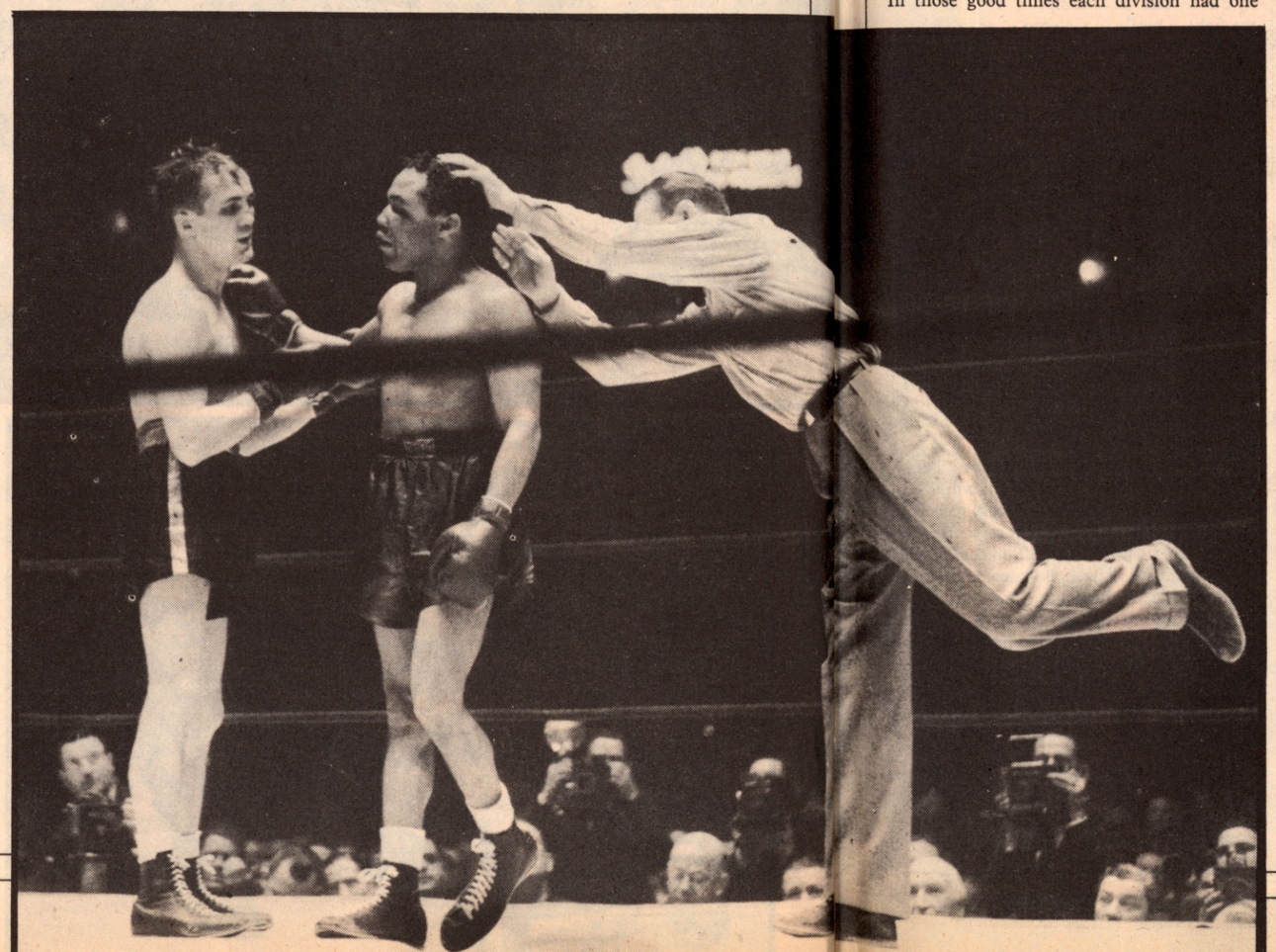
Even those wearing coats in the working press section sought warmth in their own ways. Some wayward newspapermen resorted to whiskey and gained the ever-lasting contempt of drys in their midst, both of them.

Anyway, Ross was 28, long past his prime, and speed had fled from his limbs. Although he could not move fast, neither could he punch. Time had programmed him for defeat. At 25, Armstrong was at his physical and combative peak. He molested Ross all the way, forcing the old pro back with machine precision.

We remember averting Ross' pitiful gaze when, at one point in the mid-rounds, he spun helplessly into the ropes and caught our line of vision. Ross' legs were unwilling servants of a master's courage.

In his corner after the 10th round, Arm-

Henry, dripping blood from both eyes, his nose, and his mouth, pats Fritzie Zivic on the shoulder after referee Arthur Donovan stopped their return welter title contest in 0:52 of round 12. 23,190 fans jammed Madison Square Garden to see this fight on January 17, 1941—the largest crowd to see an indoor fight up to that time. Armstrong, who took a tremendous amount of punishment in this bout, announced his retirement from boxing before leaving the ring. Hank subsequently made a comeback bid, and convincingly beat Zivic



strong could not believe his ears. There was Mead appealing to him in Ross' behalf. "Henry, Ross won't quit," Mead said. "You'll have to keep beating him up. Let's carry him. Let him stay the distance. How about it?"

Speaking about that moment later, Armstrong said, "I didn't trust Mead. I thought he might be in cahoots with Sam Pian. You remember Pian? He managed Ross with Art Winch. I didn't know what to do."

Mead went on to say. "Henry, I've got a signal with Pian. If I pull this top rope he knows I'm looking at him. When I do, I can give him the nod, meaning you'll take Ross along the last five rounds. Okay?"

Armstrong nodded and kept his word. When he went out for the 11th round, he asked Ross, "How you feelin', champ?" Ross said he was all right, so Armstrong told him, "You just keep your right hand pinned and keep shooting the left. I'll take you along."

Ross did as he was told, and Armstrong got the lopsided decision at the end of 15. Now he was the world 126-pound and 147-pound champions. In between there was Ambers and the 135-pound or lightweight championship. In those good times each division had one champion of one world. How sweet it was!

At any rate, Jacobs finally made Ross and Ambers for Madison Square Garden on Aug. 17, 1938. Armstrong weighed 134, Ambers 134½. There were 19,216 spectators in the Garden. They paid $107,281 to see one of the fiercest fights in Garden history.

For the first five rounds Ambers danced and Armstrong carried the fight to him. Just before the bell ended the fifth round Armstrong landed a right to the jaw. Ambers went down and the count reached one at the bell. Henry really opened up in the sixth.

A witness reported: "Armstrong went back to his body punching. Then he switched to the head and nailed Ambers with a right. At long range, Armstrong landed a vicious right which put Ambers on his back. The lightweight champion took a count of eight. Armstrong shuffled after him, all bundled up between his arms, and punished the body. Ambers landed several blows to the head, but couldn't land hard enough to check the crowding Armstrong. Armstrong missed a wicked left."

In the seventh, Ambers somehow recovered power and stamina. But Armstrong persisted, pouring in combinations so fast few people could follow them, including several low blows. By now, Ambers' back was blood-red with welts where the ropes had burned his flesh as he bounced off them in evasive action. Armstrong bled from a deep cut inside the mouth. His eyes were cut and his face was covered with blood.

Billy Cavanagh, the referee, came to Armstrong's corner at the end of the 10th round. "I'm going to stop it," he said. Armstrong pleaded with Cavanagh. "Don't stop it, Mr. Cavanagh," Henry said. "I'm leading on points."

"The ring is full of blood," the referee said, "and it's your blood."

This was a fact known to us in the working press. Our white sports jacket, so expensively bought, was flecked with blood. It was Armstrong's blood, a red badge of courage painted in free-form on the lapel of a hitherto handsome coat.

Now, Armstrong was appealing again to Cavanagh not to stop it. "Henry, it's *your* blood," the referee insisted.

"Then I'll stop bleeding, Mr. Cavanagh," Armstrong said. "I want this title."

The fighter turned to Mead and said, "Don't put my mouthpiece in. I got to swallow this blood. If it shows, he'll stop it."

And so it went to the end. And when it was over, Cavanagh, who had taken the seventh, 11th and 12th rounds from Armstrong because of low blows, voted seven rounds to Armstrong, six to Ambers, and two even. A judge, George LeCron, gave it to Armstrong, too, eight rounds to six, with one round even. Marty Monroe gave it to Ambers, eight rounds to seven. Monroe was a good man to have on your side, especially if the name on your side was Al Weill.

In his dressing room, Armstrong lay on his rubbing table. "I'm sick," he said. "I'm almost out of my head with pain. He's a tough man. It was my hardest fight."

We trailed Armstrong to the office of Dr. Schiff, a few blocks up from the Garden. Dr. Schiff used 12 stitches to close the lacerations inside Armstrong's mouth. Ambers needed only a shower after the fight. In his dressing room, as the water washed away pain and contusions, Ambers sang, "Have you ever been lonely, have you ever been blue?" He got $32,000; Armstrong received $25,000. But he had added the lightweight title to the featherweight and welterweight championships, the only three-headed boxer in history.

A year later he gave the lightweight title back to Ambers in a very dull bout that had all the markings of a concert in harmony. Weill screamed at Mead. Mead yelled for the cops, and nobody got arrested. Now, having given up the featherweight title earlier, Armstrong was left with one title, the welterweight championship, which he lost to Fritzie Zivic nineteen months later.

That was a bloody fight, too, this time with Zivic using his thumb as scalpels. A master of ring surgery, Zivic slashed both of Henry's eyes. The end came in the 12th round. The last of Armstrong's titles was gone.

Unlike Arguello, he went out fighting. Two of Armstrong's titles were lost in the ring; two of Arguello's titles were resigned by him. So his plural royal status was abated by his own inability to stem his growth. Weight is a formidable enemy, even of champions. Now, if he wins his fourth—the junior welterweight title—he will probably keep it long enough to go after the 147-pound championship. It will become as inevitable as his next breath.

But, first, of course, he must defeat Pryor. He will, and then the possibility of a fifth championship will be before him. In his slow, methodical style, Arguello will approach that unprecedented goal with a great deal going for him—something called skill.

A man who has spent his life poking around gymnasiums redolent of waste gets, in addition to a keen sense of smell, a view of human nature which is at once more tolerant and less rosy than any warmly endorsed by Freud or Adler or Jung. Who, by the bye, did *they* ever fight? Anyway, tolerance is not needed in the case of Alexis Arguello. In all things he has done honor to his game, and it would be nice if he were to get his fourth and fifth titles. This smacks of an unreasonable fondness for just another prizefighter. The point is that Arguello is *not* "just another prizefighter." Like Armstrong, he is a great one, a throwback to the classic days of boxing, before the atomic bomb and trips to the moon.

Have you ever been lonely, have you ever been blue . . .?

RED ALL OVER

BY RED SMITH

DURAN NO QUITTER

NOVEMBER, 1980—THIS IS THE FIRST opportunity for comment on the ending of the Roberto Duran-Sugar Ray Leonard bout since Duran, then the World Boxing Council welterweight champion, told the referee: "No mas, no mas. No more box." It would require a deal of convincing to shake the conviction here that Duran had to be sick or injured, because Roberto Duran was not, is not, and never could be a quitter.

The Sweet Science is a harsh mistress, and under her cruel rules the deadliest sin is to give up under punishment. The most damning criticism that can be made of a fighter is to say, in the parlance of the fight mob, that he is a bit of a kiyi or that he has a touch of the geezer in him, meaning a streak of cowardice. The fact that no coward walks up the steps and into the ring isn't good enough for the fight mob. It is further required that when his number comes up, the fighter must endure pain and punishment without complaint as long as he is conscious.

"Do you want me to stop it?" Harry Kessler, the referee, asked when Archie Moore was being slugged senseless by Rocky Marciano.

"No," Archie said. "I want to be counted out." He was.

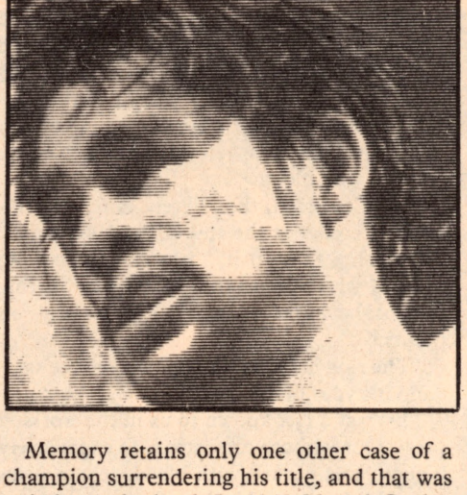
"I'm going to stop this," Joe Gould, Jim Braddock's manager, told his fighter when Joe Louis was pounding Jim loose from the heavyweight championship of the world.

"If you do I'll never speak to you again," Braddock said.

This is the code. Exceptions are made only if a fighter surrenders for dishonest reasons, as Sonny Liston almost surely did in his two engagements with Cassius Clay-Muhammad Ali. (The name changed between bouts.) In other words, quitting is a disgrace, deeply to be deplored unless it is done to discharge a business obligation.

Liston's motives have never been made public, but suspicions raised by the first match were confirmed beyond reasonable doubt by the second. Liston was heavyweight champion of the world up to and including his first six peculiar rounds with Clay in Miami Beach. The bell for the seventh found him sitting sullen on his stool while the title changed hands. He said an injury had rendered his left arm useless.

They met again in Lewiston, Maine. In the first round, which was also the last, Liston went in the water with a splash that washed away whatever doubt the first performance had left.



Memory retains only one other case of a champion surrendering his title, and that was strictly on the level. In 1949 Marcel Cerdan was defending the middleweight championship against Jake LaMotta in Detroit when the supraspinatus muscle at the back of his right shoulder came loose. Right arm hanging at his side, he fought on left-handed and LaMotta was having all he could do to beat one side of Cerdan until the tenth round, when the Frenchman's seconds persuaded him to leave the rest of his fight for a better time.

The better time never arrived. Booked for a rematch, Cerdan died in the crash when the plane bringing him back to the United States flew into a mountain in the Azores.

LaMotta, the Bronx Bull, was as tough as any man of his time, yet he quit in the ring at least twice. One was for business reasons. He had agreed to a barney to ornament the gaudy record of one Blackjack Billy Fox, but Jake had never been off his feet and was too proud to hit the deck. He floundered along the ropes impersonating a carp out of water until a faint-hearted referee stopped the performance. Even when Ray Robinson pounded him loose from the middleweight title in thirteen rounds in Chicago, LaMotta was still on his feet when the referee stepped in. But in his next match he gave up. Irish Bob Murphy, who wasn't great but could hit, punched Jake until he quit after seven rounds.

That scene was reminiscent of a night in Jersey City when Max Baer, a former champion, hurled invective and righthand shots at Tony Galento until Tony, sick from swallowing his own blood, gave up. Baer didn't know it, but he had an accomplice. On the eve of the fight, a barfly in Galento's spa in Orange, New Jersey, had asked Tony for tickets, had received a predictable answer and had shoved a beer glass into Tony's profile. Several stitches were required to close the wounds before Baer reopened them.

Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler fought for the world featherweight championship four times. All four bouts were memorable and one can't be forgotten because Willie quit when he was winning. Saddler had knocked him out and taken the title in their first match; in a gallant performance with one brow gaping like a third eye, Willie outfought Saddler to regain the title; Pep lost it back in the third meeting when he did or did not tear a muscle; in their fourth match Willie took an early lead and was winning on all cards when the ninth round ended. "No more," Willie said.

At least one onlooker who had never before and has not since seen a boxer quit while winning was reminded of Willie's story of his beginnings in Hartford. As soon as school was out, he said, he would take off on the run. He didn't have to look back, he knew bigger kids would be chasing him. On his good days he was able to run home and slam the door before his pursuers could lay hands on him. Tiring of this one-sided game, Willie went to a gym to learn boxing. There he came under the tutelage of Bill Gore, and in Gore's hands he developed into the supreme artist of the ring.

Now in his fourth fight with Saddler, the artist blotted his sketchbook. "Again this night," an onlooker thought, "he ran home and slammed the door."

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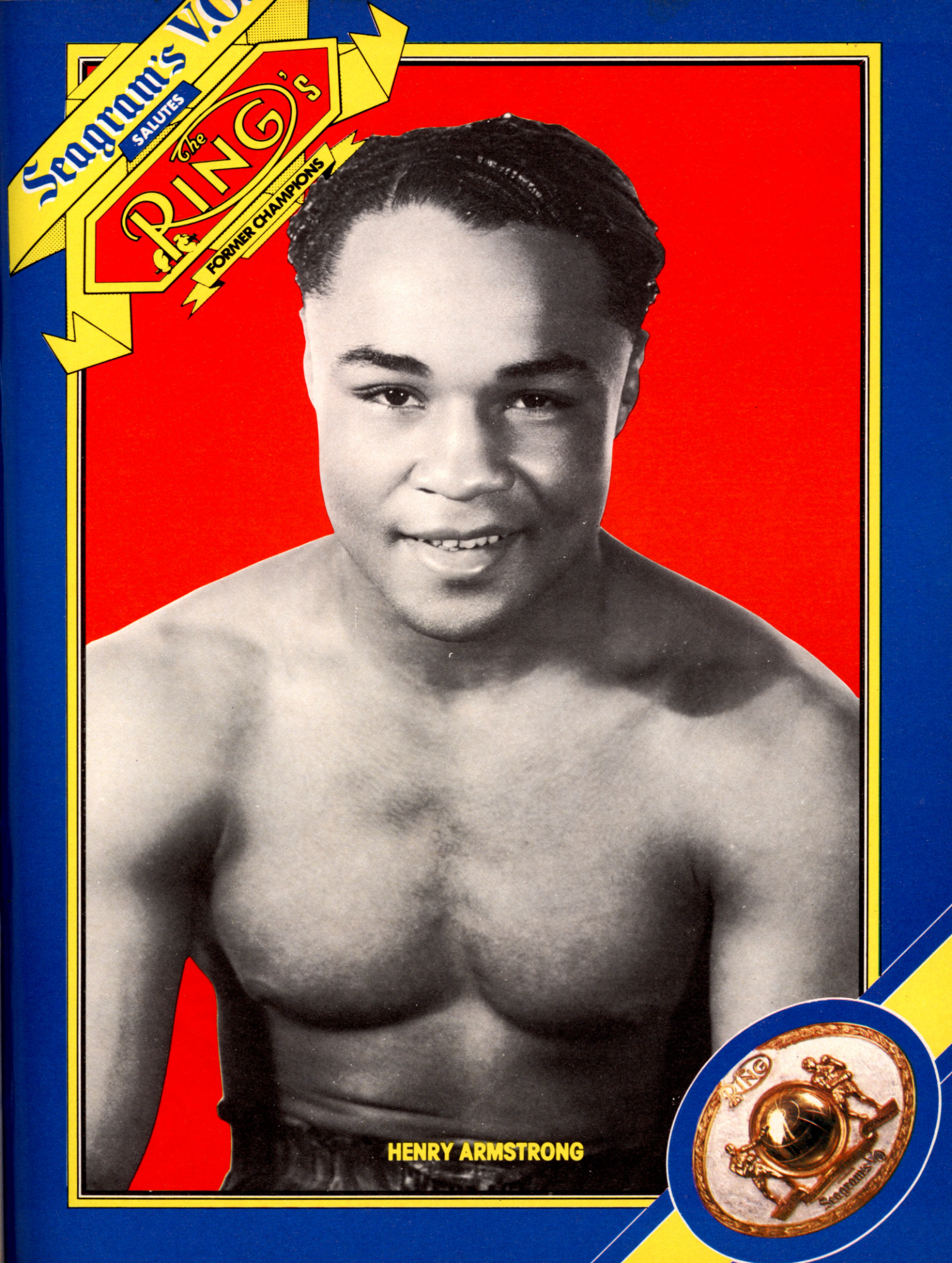

HENRY ARMSTRONG

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HENRY ARMSTRONG

Born Henry Jackson in Columbus, Miss. on December 12, 1912 . . . One of 13 children left motherless when he was five, Henry was out on the streets selling papers at the age of seven . . . Graduated from Vashon High School in St. Louis . . . Followed his brother, Harry, into the amateur boxing ranks in 1930 . . . Made pro debut as "Melody" Jackson in North Braddock, Pa. against southpaw Al Iovino on July 27, 1931 and was kayoed in round three . Went to California and engaged in "smokers" (three-round no-decision bootleg pro fights) under management of future commission inspector Tom Cox . . . Turned pro for real under management of Wirt Ross and lost his first two bouts, four-round verdicts to Eddie Trujillo and Al Greenfield in Los Angeles . . . Improved steadily thereafter adding power to his swarming, whirlwind attack . . . Henry really hit stride in 1937, scoring 26 knockouts in 27 bouts and winning world-wide recognition as featherweight champ by knocking out Petey Sarron in 2:36 of the sixth round in Madison Square Garden on October 29 . . . Won world welter crown by beating Barney Ross over 15 rounds at the M.S.G. Bowl in Long Island City on May 31, 1938, giving away eight and one-half pounds . . . Picked up his third crown by winning a split decision over Lou Ambers for the lightweight title in Garden on August 17 of the same year, making him the only fighter in history to hold three world titles simultaneously . . . Gave up his featherweight crown due to weight making difficulties shortly after . . . Made seven successful defenses of the welter title, then faced Ambers in return bout for the lightweight crown in Yankee Stadium on August 22, 1939. Lost unanimous decision to Lou due to points deducted for low blows . . . Successfully defended welter championship 12 more times before losing it to Fritzie Zivic via unanimous verdict in the Garden on October 4, 1940 . . . Stopped in 12th round of return with Zivic on January 17, 1941 . . . Retired after that fight, but returned for 49 more contests from June 1, 1942 through February 14, 1945 . . . Ordained a Baptist minister in 1951 . . . Overall pro record: 146-21-9; 99 kayoes. Tried for fourth world title against middleweight champion Ceferino Garcia at Gilmore Stadium in Los Angeles on March 1, 1940, but the 10-round contest was declared a draw . . . Height, 5 ft., 5½ in.

HENRY ARMSTRONG'S TITLE BOUTS

Oct.	29, 1937—Petey Sarron, New York	KO	6
May	31, 1938—Barney Ross, Long Island City	W	15
Aug.	17, 1938—Lou Ambers, New York	W	15
Nov.	25, 1938—Ceferino Garcia, New York	W	15
Dec.	5, 1938—Al Manfredo, Cleveland	TKO	3
Jan.	10, 1939—Baby Arizmendi, Los Angeles	W	10
Mar.	4, 1939—Bobby Pacho, Havana, Cuba	TKO	4
Mar.	16, 1939—Lew Feldman, St. Louis	KO	1
Mar.	31, 1939—Davey Day, New York	KO	12
May	25, 1939—Ernie Roderick, London	W	15
Aug.	22, 1939—Lou Ambers, New York	L	15
Oct.	9, 1939—Al Manfredo, Des Moines	TKO	4
Oct.	13, 1939—Howard Scott, Minneapolis	KO	2
Oct.	20, 1939—Ritchie Fontaine, Seattle	KO	3
Oct.	24, 1939—Jimmy Garrison, Los Angeles	W	10
Oct.	30, 1939—Bobby Pacho, Denver	TKO	4
Dec.	11, 1939—Jimmy Garrison, Cleveland	KO	7
Jan.	4, 1940—Joe Ghnouly, St. Louis	KO	5
Jan.	24, 1940—Pedro Montanez, New York	TKO	9
Mar.	1, 1940—Ceferino Garcia, Los Angeles	D	10
Apr.	26, 1940—Paul Junior, Boston	TKO	7
May	24, 1940—Ralph Zanelli, Boston	TKO	5
June	21, 1940—Paul Junior, Portland, Me.	TKO	3
Sept.	23, 1940—Phil Furr, Washington, D.C.	KO	4
Oct.	4, 1940—Fritzie Zivic, New York	L	15
Jan.	17, 1941—Fritzie Zivic, New York	TKO by	12

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